

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers who belong to any of these organizations to visit meetings when in town.

OXFORD LODGE, F. & A. M., No. 18, meets in Masonic Hall, Monday evening, on or before full moon. Harry F. Fawcett, W. M.; H. D. Smith, Sec'y.

UNION LODGE, No. 1, A. O. U. F., meets in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, on or before full moon. J. O. Crocker, H. P.; H. D. Smith, Sec'y.

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NORWAY LODGE, No. 18, I. O. O. F., meets in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, on or before full moon. Seward S. Stearns, W. M.; Merton L. Kimball, Sec'y.

WILDEY ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall every Tuesday evening. F. D. Briggs, W. M.; C. G. Mason, Sec'y.

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MR. HOBBS' LODGE, No. 58, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the first and third Friday evenings of each month. Maggie L. Libby, W. M.; A. A. Libby, Sec'y.

HARVEY LODGE, No. 54, G. A. R., meets in G. A. R. Hall, on the third Friday evening of each month. E. H. Brown, Com.; S. A. Bennett, Adj.; W. S. Corwell, Q. M.

PENNSYLVANIA LODGE, No. 18, K. of P., meets in their hall, Hathaway Block, every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. G. H. Wyman, W. M.; J. L. Millett, C. C.; Westley H. Ginn, K. of R.

A. O. NORTON COMPANY, No. 12, U. R. K. of P., meets in Pythian Hall, the third Friday in each month. A. J. Rowe, Knight Captain; Wesley H. Ginn, Sir Knight Recorder.

NORWAY COMMANDERY, No. 347, U. O. G. C., meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month. Geo. L. Jackson, N. C.; Lucella Merriam, K. of R.

TALENT LODGE, No. 17, N. E. O. P., meets in G. A. R. Hall, on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. O. M. Cummings, Warden; Mrs. O. A. Holden, Secretary.

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TOMATOES UNDER GLASS.

How to Secure an Abundant Supply During the Winter Months.

"In securing an abundant supply of tomatoes during the winter months much depends upon the start the plants have made, the aim being to set a heavy crop of fruit before the short and perhaps sunless days. They should be trained not less than two feet apart, so as to give the bunches of flowers plenty of light and air, without which they become weakly and fail to set. Crowding the plants in all cases be avoided." Thus writes a Connecticut contributor to the American Gardening. Following are additional extracts from his pen:

The single stem system of training seems to be the best, which, briefly described, consists in rubbing out all side shoots as they form, the main stem being encouraged to grow and form strong clusters of fruit. Allowing side shoots to grow only weakens the plant as well as the bloom. Their early removal favors a large crop.

The first clusters of fruit ought to be freely thinned out, all large, ugly flowers removed early, or otherwise a good succession of fruit will seldom result. Artificial pollination of the flowers is also necessary throughout the winter. This can best be accomplished by the aid of a camel's hair brush or by shaking the plants gently toward midday or when the pollen is the driest. On no account should this be neglected, failure to set crop being the principal or most frequent cause of failure.

Give plenty of air. On all moderate days the temperature should be kept as high as 65 degrees at night, with 10 to 15 degrees higher by day in sunlight. The tomato, in fact, is a subject that will not endure much of the nature of forcing, and if practiced at all it must be done in a very gentle and judicious manner or the result will be a bad attack of fungus.

Watering has to be done in a careful manner in the early growth of the plant. It will do no harm to keep the atmosphere moist only on sunny days—that is, merely to wet down the walks.

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Signed and sealed this 11th day of Feb., 1898. LEVI N. LAPHAM, 7-9 United States Branch, North British & Mercantile Insurance Company

of London and Edinburgh, Great Britain. Incorporated in 1890. Commenced business in United States in 1896. Manager of U. S. Branch, H. E. POWERS, Deputy Manager, U. S. Branch, WEST POLLOCK, Assistant Manager, U. S. Branch, W. R. ECKER. Statement, January 1st, 1898.

ASSETS, December 31, 1897. Stocks and bonds owned by the Company, \$3,484,573 00 Cash in the Company's principal office and in bank, 41,880 75 Interest due and accrued, 54,915 00 Premiums in due course of collection, 334,290 79 Other admitted assets, 2,461 09 Aggregate of all admitted assets, \$4,299,820 51 The Company at actual value, \$4,299,820 51

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At the time of fruit setting, of course, the atmosphere has to be dry around noon or the brighter part of the day in order to pollinate the flowers. When watering the plants, care must be taken. It is always best to wait till they are dry, then give a good soaking. Never water in a careless manner, which usually leaves surface wet and the under soil dry.

As to varieties, there are the Lorrill, Valerius, Beauty, Golden Queen and Dwarf Champion. The Lorrill is the standard.

Seedling Wheat.

The question "Which is preferable—heavy or light seedling of wheat?" has for many years been discussed by the agricultural press, the various farmers' clubs and other organizations throughout the country. Following is the answer of a farmer of experience contributed to The Field, Farm and Fire-side. He writes:

In the first place there seems to be quite a wide difference of opinion as to how much is heavy seeding and how little is light seeding. In heavy timber soil well mixed with clay I find in answer to the question, How much do you sow to the acre? the answers range from one to two and one-half bushels. Now, in noticing the crops harvested by these farmers I have found that where the ground was well prepared for the seed those that sowed one and one-half bushels harvested fully as much as those that sowed two or two and one-half bushels, and this agrees with my own experience on similar soils. Several times I have sowed one field with two bushels and the one adjoining with one and one-half bushels, and there was no difference in their yield.

Nearly all wheat at the present time is sown with the drill, thus securing very even distribution over the field, and as every kernel of good wheat will produce from 4 to 12 stalks any one can readily see that this is as many stalks as can grow on the ground and be vigorous, producing a good head with its full complement of kernels, which should not be less than 32.

Where I have had the best opportunity for observation heavy seeding has simply produced a more slender stalk with a smaller head.

On light, sandy soil the difference is still more perceptible. By careful experiment on several plots of ground of one acre, one-half acre and one-tenth acre I have proved, to my satisfaction at least, that one bushel of good seed sowed evenly over an acre will produce as much wheat and of better quality than heavy seeding.

Winter Grain. The long, late fall, with so far little snow in many winter wheat growing regions will enable this crop to go into the winter in much better condition than was expected a few weeks ago. Winter grain is necessarily hardy, else it could not in any case endure our northern winters. It will grow when the temperature is above 40 and the soil is unfrozen, but after the soil once freezes a moderate covering of snow and steady, even temperature below the freezing point are best for the crop.

When a very light covering of snow is much better than none. The browning of wheat leaves by frost going below the lowest roots and the soil constantly evaporating water from the exposed grain leaves. As the wheat roots lock up in ice cannot supply any moisture the leaf turns brown and dies down. Such leaves never resume their growth. If the root is not killed, it will send up new leaves and stems in the spring, but the browned leaf never recovers.—American Cultivator.

STOCKING DARNING. Plain, Practical Instructions on a Commonplace Subject.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether the darning should be on the right or the wrong side. A writer in the Boston Cooking School Magazine gives preference to either of the following ways, making the darn wholly on the wrong side or darning up and down parallel with the ribs on the wrong side and turning the stocking to the right side for the second set of stitches. From the same source comes the following:

In choosing material with which to darn choose that which corresponds as nearly as possible with the threads of which the stocking is made. The stocking to be darned should be held so that the part to be mended is firmly but smoothly stretched over the hand. The darning ball is inclined to stretch the stocking and the edge of the hole to be darned.

If the edges of the hole are ragged, draw them as nearly as possible in to their proper place, taking a few stitches with needle and thread. Begin to darn as far from the hole as the stocking shows signs of weakness. This, of course, helps to decide the shape of the darn.

In beginning take a few small running stitches on the needle parallel with the ribs of the stocking. In coming back begin a little above this last stitch and take up the threads that were passed over in the preceding row. Do not draw the thread up tightly, but allow at the end of each row a small loop to be formed; although the threads must be drawn up evenly. The length of each row is increased until the middle of the hole is reached, when the rows should diminish in like manner. This prevents the strain of the darn from coming on any one set of threads. As the hole is reached, care must be taken that the loops at the edge of the hole are taken up.

Finishing the first set of stitches, the one at right angles is made in a similar way, taking up one of the first set of stitches and passing over the next and in the next row passing over those taken up before, and so on, keeping the rows of stitches very close together. Stretching the darn slightly after it is finished will take up the loops which were left at the ends of the rows. This will allow for the shrinking of the "darning cotton."

In darning a large hole the shape is more easily kept if the work is begun in the center and worked toward each side. For the side of the foot of a stock-

ing a hole darned on the bias is very elastic. Stitches that have dropped in the leg of a stocking may be taken up by the crochet hook and the stitch fastened.

Dress Accessories. The wearing of real lace as a garniture to otherwise plain gowns has been revived. There is no end to the accessories in way of neckwear and other trimmings for the toilette. Vogue gives an illustrated description of the newest blouse, which is of black mohair braid in checkerboard design joined with

Immigrants and New York. Ernest Ingersoll writes for St. Nicholas a paper on the Greater New York entitled "Reasoning Out a Metropolis."

Mr. Ingersoll says: "The merchants of New York sent to the continent of Europe more ships than the merchants of other cities, who traded mainly with Great Britain, so that this city was better known throughout Europe, and her vessels were the handiest for emigrants from France, Germany and Holland. Agents of the New York merchants and of the government, who were seeking and encouraging immigration, could show that this port was the most advantageous landing place for a man who was going on west, and the sea captains explained that it was the safest and quickest port to make because the course lay south of the stormy, foggy region north of Cape Cod, and the city was much closer to the open sea than either Philadelphia or Baltimore. At any rate immigration increased in favor of New York as time went on, and the stream of incoming people swelled until in the decade from 1884 to 1894 it amounted to about 500,000 immigrants a year, 590,666 arriving in 1890 alone, not counting those from Canada and Mexico.

He Tricked the Toppers. In the last century nearly every gentleman was put to bed drunk. He had either to drink as others drank or fight a duel. Sir Aubrey de Vere, when he was 18 years of age, after a day's hunt avoided intoxication at dinner by watching until the others were tipsy and after that pouring each new glass of wine down his neckcloth, then worn so large that the chin was buried in it. When the last of the toppers lay under the table, he rushed to his bedroom, took a bath, dressed anew and joined the ladies at their 12 o'clock tea. The next morning at breakfast all the gentlemen rose when he entered and received him as if he had been a prince. They had heard that he had been unaffected by the wine and considered that so strong a head was entitled to the highest honors.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Prima Facie. "The new barber," said the sweetest girl, "must know a good deal about women. He has been married four times."

"A man who was fool enough for that," said the savage bachelor, "never knew anything about women. That's plain."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Paper floors are in use in Einsiedeln, Switzerland. It is laid in a paste mass, smoothed and then pressed. Footsteps on it are noiseless.

Deviled Clams. Chop fine 25 clams. Drain them and then cook for 20 minutes in a double boiler. Drain again, saving the liquor. Rub a tablespoonful of butter and 2 tablespoonsful of flour together. Add the liquor. When boiling, add the yolks of 2 eggs, a dash of cayenne, a teaspoonful of onion juice, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley and the clams. Mix, fill into shells, dust with crumbs and brown in a quick oven.

Fashion Echoes. Quills are all the rage in millinery. From Paris comes the cry that white cloths are worn for ceremonious occasions and for theater box parties.

The Roman sash ribbons are in vogue again, with fringe on the ends. Camel's hair material is in fashion again, and it comes in all the new shades.

Short bridal veils are not half as becoming to bridesmaids as toques or pretty hats.

Times Have Changed. "No such things as there used to be," sighed the gray haired but vigorous traveling man who was enjoying himself with the usual Saturday night crowd.

"There was a time when they were booming those western towns that I traveled about all my expense money, and that was a mighty big item in flush times."

"Give us your recipe, old man."

"It's of no use now. They're bumping along on rock bottom out in that country. But then money was no object. When approaching a boom town, I'd discover some resident of the place aboard the train and casually let drop to him that I was looking for a good real estate investment. That was all, and it was worth from \$50 to \$100 a drop. I'd start innocently for a hack, knowing as well as I lived I'd never meet him once in a year, and only called on me in his private carriage, whirl me to the best hotel, get me the best room, make a date to drive me over the place and solemnly inform me that the town was mine."

"Live high? Higher than a wild prince. They would take no money at the bar, the hotel clerk never had a bill against me and I couldn't spend a cent. It was one constant round, as the boys say. You know my line then. I sold to him once in a place, and only called on me in his private carriage, whirl me to the best hotel, get me the best room, make a date to drive me over the place and solemnly inform me that the town was mine."

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Immigrants and New York. Ernest Ingersoll writes for St. Nicholas a paper on the Greater New York entitled "Reasoning Out a Metropolis."

Mr. Ingersoll says: "The merchants of

How They Hurt.
The pains are often so acute, the sufferer becomes almost insensible to the intensity of the pain. Oil will instantly relieve and cure neuralgia, so there is no wonder why a moment's pain endures. Mr. Jacob Klein, of St. Evansville, Ind., writes: "I suffered from neuralgia for years and since I used Salve has not had a spell. I have the best liniment I have ever used. I would not be without a bottle in the house. I had the pain for five years and had tried many liniments, and must say that Oil did me more good than any other remedy." Salvation everywhere for 25 cents.

WYMAN'S PAIN RELIEF
PAIN
A Sore at St. Louis, Mo., Norway, Me.
MONEY REFUNDED
If you do not feel better after using one bottle, try a second. Sold by all druggists.

Financing Proof!
HAS USED IT.
A known throughout Maine gives testimony:
S. W. WINSLOW, of Brown and Co., writes: "I have used your medicine and can give it most cordial recommendation and approval according to the results of its use. It is a safe and reliable remedy." C. E. ANGELL, Pastor, Universalist Church.

For Sale at a Bargain.
Shoe, spoon, stock, box boards, etc. A good chance for business. See exhibit or address S. S. STEARNS, Norway, Me.

WALDO NASH,
Taxidermist,
Norway, Maine.

and a few goods Owls.
CABINETS FOR \$1.25.
New. Not cheap work, but the best in the county on best quality of material. Photographs for 75 cents, 5 for 50 cents.

CHASE, Brown St.
W. WINSLOW,
Norway, Me.
General Job Teaming
and freight promptly and addressed. You can call or address postal card.

JONES & SON,
DENTISTS,
Norway, Me.

TER & EMERY,
Engines and boilers made and repaired, stoves, hangers, etc. Machine shop. Engines and boilers always on hand.

Smithing Connected.
Norway, Me.

**EXTRACTED : : : : :
WITHOUT PAIN**
Years Constant Use.
Other Dentist in
Ford Co. uses it.

F. E. Drake,
Norway, Me.

BODKIN,
TAURANT,
Main Street.

**new place, fitted up
as a new place as de-
sired. Shall be glad to
do any new faces as de-
sired in my line.**

Rank Cards
On receipt of order, accompanied by 10 cents.
Postage stamps taken.
Like to do any other printing, programs, invitations, tickets, school maps, etc.

Advertiser, Norway, Me.

SWEDEN.
Colds are epidemic.
No service at the Methodist church, Sunday, last week in consequence of the storm and drifted condition of the road.
Frank Durgin went to the probate court at South Paris in the interest of the John Wilson estate.

Jessie Ridlon and family, who lived in the Chute house while cutting birch, O. R. Moulton, have moved back to their Ridlon home.
Weston Hobbs finished hauling the birch from the Chute lots to the Bridge-ton Lumber Co. for R. O. Moulton. He is now to haul pine from the Swan lots to Kears River for Howard Morrison.

Wilber and Lute Moulton have been suffering from bad colds.
The annual town reports are in the hands of the people.

Dell Holden is going into the cellar, his foot slipped and he fell the entire length of the stairs. He was taken up, and a physician summoned. In an examination the injury to his back was a muscular, instead of a spinal one, as at first feared.

J. Plummer of South Paris took dinner with his father, Dea. Samuel Plummer, Monday, Feb. 14th, it being the 51st anniversary of his birth.
Will Richardson is at work for Ernest Pike at South Waterford.

Chas. M. Evans is L. S. Plummer's right hand man.
Stephen Charles of North Fryeburg was in town recently, looking after the interests of his business.

Frank Noble of South Waterford, in our recent blizzards, has missed only one trip collecting cream for the Waterford Creamery.
Alice L. Perry, who has been teaching at Conway, N. H., the past year, has returned home.

Something to Know.
It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centers in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c. or \$1.00 per bottle at the A. O. Noyes & Co. Drug Store, Norway, and F. A. Shurtleff of South Paris.

EDGES' FALLS.
Johnny Macfield has finished logging for Walter Frye.
Sadie Perham is at work for Mrs. Herman Cook, Cook's Mills.
Everett Nutting and Perley Knight went to Portland recently.

Everett Proctor visited his uncle, B. A. Doughty, last Sunday.
G. B. Wiley was the guest at M. A. Doughty's, one day recently.
Mrs. Charlotte Pridie has returned home from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Estelle Collins, Casco.

Officers of L. O. of G. T. were installed on Feb. 11, as follows:
C. T. Parley, P. M.
V. T. Ivie, E. Knight, Sec.
C. T. Parley, M. W. Whitman, Sec.
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Some Foolish People
Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh it will wear away, but in most cases it will not." They are wrong. They are induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking a few bottles. Price 25c and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

The Children's Corner.
West Sumner, Me., Feb. 15, 1898.
DEAR EDITOR.—This is my first letter for your paper, but seeing the other little boys and girls' letters I thought I would write a few lines. I have a little saw and saw wood when I want to. I have two little brothers and we have nice times sliding and playing horse. My grandpa drives a stage from West Sumner to Buckfield. I go with him sometimes and have a nice time. I will close for this time. Yours truly, GUY B. HEATH.

DEAR ADVERTISER.—I have not written before and I will try to. I am over to West Sumner to visit my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Field. For pets I have a cat and dog and a few chickens. I like my dog's name is Snipe. I live in Dixfield. I go to school and I have for my studies reading, arithmetic, spelling, geography. For my teacher I have Melville Holman. My papa is a merchant and keeps a store. I am eight years old. I shall be nine the 15th of July. I will close with a riddle. As I was crossing London bridge, I met a London scholar. I took off my hat and drew off my glove, and I've told you the name of the scholar. I can't think of any more, so good bye. OLIVE EDITH KENNEDY.

DEAR EDITOR.—I see that my letter did escape the waste basket and I will try and write again. My papa is a blacksmith. I expect my grandpa up pretty soon. She lives at West Bethel, Maine. My other grandpa lives at Lyndon Center, Vt. I see her quite often. I think the answer to Grace May's riddle is a chain. I will close by a riddle. Down on the meadow there is a red heifer, give her hay and she will eat it, give her water and she will die. From your little friend, INEZ ALMEDA DRESSER.

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THOUSANDS ARE LIKE HIM.

Prominent Member of the Legislature Cured by Dr. Greene's Nervura.

Representative Crouch Made a Well Man by Using Dr. Greene's Nervura. Editor J. C. Gere Gives the Result of His Investigation of This Remarkable Cure in the Daily Gazette. Spring Is the Time to Be Cured.



HON. CHAS. S. CROUCH, REPRESENTATIVE IN THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

The editorial columns of the Northampton (Mass.) Daily Gazette give the particulars of the remarkable cure by Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, of Hon. Charles S. Crouch, Northampton's ablest and best known statesman and Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature.

Editor J. C. Gere, of this leading newspaper, personally investigated the facts of this wonderful cure, and his widely-read editorial states the details of the cure exactly as they occurred, giving Hon. Mr. Crouch's own words.

Following is the editorial in full: "Learning that a great cure had been effected in the case of Representative Chas. S. Crouch, of Northampton, Mass., by Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, a reporter took occasion to call on Mr. Crouch and talk with him about it, and among the thousands of testimonials given to this world-renowned medicine, blood will be made widely read or give greater weight than this one coming from so noted a man as Representative Crouch.

Hon. Mr. Crouch said: "Last spring I did not feel in my usual health; felt tired in the morning when I retired; had no energy nor ambition to go about a day's work; no appetite with which to regain strength and energy. In this condition I worked along from week to week, thinking that after while matters would right themselves and I would feel like myself again. But to the contrary, I grew worse.

"Knowing that Dr. Greene's Nervura was not a patent medicine, but a medicine put up from a prescription discovered by the doctor in his private practice, I resolved to try it. The first bottle helped me so much that I purchased another one, and even a third bottle, when, to my great joy, I found myself as well as ever I was in my life; and furthermore, have remained so."

In further conversation he said: "Dr. Greene's Nervura is a great medicine. There is no humbug about it! It was made to cure, and it does cure! No one need be afraid to use it."

Day by day he praises this wonderful medicine to his friends and neighbors, as the one sure way to regain their health. The word of this widely-known statesman should be the most convincing weight with the public, but when we have added to this the fact that the Northampton Daily Gazette, a newspaper of the highest standing, vouches editorially for the truth of every word, and its editor states that he has personally investigated all the facts of the marvelous cure, there should be no hesitation by the people to use this great medical discovery, this wonderful curer of disease, Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy.

It is not a patent medicine, but the prescription of the most successful specialist in curing diseases, Dr. Greene, of 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass. He has the largest practice in the world, and this grand medical discovery is the result of his experience. The great reputation of Dr. Greene is a guarantee that this medicine will cure, and the fact that he can be consulted by anyone at any time free of charge, personally or by letter, gives absolute assurance that the doctor in his private practice, I resolved to try it. The first bottle helped me so much that I purchased another one, and even a third bottle, when, to my great joy, I found myself as well as ever I was in my life; and furthermore, have remained so."

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New Law for Town Meetings.

The law in regard to union school superintendence must be pretty well understood by town readers. The school committee can choose or employ whom they see fit, except one of their own number, for superintendent of schools, unless the town itself forestall such action by itself electing the superintendent. The school committee shall consist of three members, who shall by lot determine the length of their terms of office, whether one year, two years or three years. The old committee has been legislated out of office, and a whole new board must be chosen. The law on the subject is found in chapters 290, 327 and 332.

Extracts from Chapter 329, which is the law in regard to road commissioner, were published in our columns, last week.

Chapter 208 gives a town many new rights in establishing a sinking fund. Chapter 216 fixes conditions upon which a town may accept a bequest carrying with it responsibility for the care of a hospital.

Chapter 235 gives a village corporation the right to own and maintain a public library, and authorizes a town having a public library to establish branch libraries.

Chapter 260, makes it necessary for towns to raise money for school supplies and appliances as well as school books. It also provides for raising money for schoolhouse repairs and insurance. Those funds must be kept separate from the school money.

Chapter 280 provides that all officers chosen at town meeting must be elected by ballot. Moderator, clerk, selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, treasurer, auditor, school committee, agent and road commissioner must be chosen by ballot. Other officers must be chosen by ballot or appointed by the selectmen.

Chapter 285 provides that the school committee shall suspend any school not having an average attendance of eight scholars, unless the town by vote instruct the committee to maintain that school.

Those are all the laws made by the last Legislature which affect the action of towns at their annual meetings. There are a number of other acts which define or change duties and powers of town officers.

Best Month in Half a Century.
The first month of 1898 was a red-letter month for Dr. J. F. True and Company, Auburn, Me. They manufacture True's Elixir, which has had a country wide reputation for the past half century; in January the sales of the Elixir were larger than during any previous month since its introduction. No better proof of the great worth and efficacy of this household remedy could possibly be adduced.

CASTORIA.
The fact is plain
that it is
the best
in every
way.

RUMFORD FALLS.
Maude Parker is working in Burgess' restaurant.
Harry Dibble has gone to his home in Woodstock.

Mrs. Chas. E. Howe spent last week with relatives in Andover.
W. W. Small of the Times is laid up with nervous prostration.

L. E. Lovjoy was confined to the house by sickness, last week.
Jennie Martin will go to Boston to visit relatives, when her school closes.

Mrs. Stanley Bisbee and young son went to Buckfield, last week, to visit relatives.
Edith Jones is visiting her parents in Turner. Eva Eaton takes her place in the bank.

Mrs. Henry Milner of Gilbertville is stopping with her daughter, Mrs. Fremont Ames.
Dr. Heber Bishop of Boston was in town, last week, in the interests of the New England Sportsmen's exhibition.

Curran & Norris have leased the store in the Lincoln building on Congress St. They will handle dry goods, clothing, furniture, good and foot wear. The partners are P. Curran and F. Norris.
Rev. I. C. Fortin of Lewiston, rector of Trinity church in that city, holds a service in the Universalist church, Thursday evening of this week. It will be the first Episcopalian service held in Rumford.

The town warrant is out. Besides the usual articles for electing officers and raising money for the customary objects there are a number of highway questions of special interest. The first is a proposition to buy a rock crusher and screens, one about building the bridge laid out by the County Commissioners at the head of the falls, one about a proposed bridge across the upper level canal in Rumford, the passenger depot, one about a road laid out by the commissioners across Fred A. Porter's land at Rumford Falls, one for a road and bridge across Ellis river near H. E. Hutchins' place, one about building the way laid out and named Virgin street, and another for a new road in Peru. There is also an article to see if the town will vote to pay its officers' fixed salaries. New schoolhouses at the Center and Point will be subjects for action.

A Man Obscured.
Did you ever notice the different manner of greeting by different people at stations along the line, where brief stops are made? I have. A professional man, we will say for convenience, a lawyer, (not to be understood as premeditated, but foreordained as it were.) Well, the lawyer being away from his home and family, he steps out upon the platform, just for a change you know, when up sails a woman, a lone and lonesome woman, being away from her family. It is but natural that she should seek familiar faces. Her face is wreathed in smiles. "O—they don't kiss, but don't they shake!" With one hand he grasps her hand, the other contains her elbow, and there they stand, her face adorned with smiles, while he with a far away look of indifference, with all the serenity of a judge, as though nothing had or ever would happen, when the sound of "all aboard" and the clang of the bell admonishes that life's pleasures are all too brief.

Dr. O. K. Yates of West Paris was called by a messenger on snowshoes, one night during the recent storm, to go out into the country five miles to attend a dangerous case of bleeding at the nose. He started with his team and lanterns to make the perilous journey and was two hours in making the first three miles. At this time he drove his horse into a snowdrift that was impassable. The horse was unharmed, as best it could be and help came to shovel out the exhausted animal, which in his effort in getting through the drift, broke a blood vessel and died a few hours afterwards. At this time the second messenger on snowshoes came to hurry the doctor. A train was got together with men and lanterns to shovel out the drifts, so as to get the team through, and was two and a half hours in going two miles, and the doctor walking more than half of the way in snow up to his hips. The arrival of the doctor was timely and the man's life saved. On the doctor's return home he was obliged to travel most of the distance on snowshoes. Dr. Yates' age is 64 years.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chomblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. Sold by the A. O. Noyes & Co. Drug Store, Norway, and F. A. Shurtleff of South Paris.

Office of the Sheriff of Oxford County, STATE OF MAINE.
OXFORD, Me., Paris, February 25, A. D. 1898.
This is to give notice, That on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1898, a warrant in insolvency was issued out of the Court of insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of WALLACE G. EVERETT, of Paris, assigned to be an insolvent debtor, on petition of said debtor which petition was filed on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1898, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belong to said debtor, to him or for his use and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the creditors of said debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate will be held at a Court of Insolvency to be held at the Probate Court room, at Paris, in said county, on the 10th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.
Given under my hand the date first above written.
CHANDLER GARLAND, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of said Court.

Granite State Fire Insurance Co., of Portsmouth, N. H.
Incorporated in 1836. Com. Business in 1855.
FRANK JONES, President.
ALFRED F. HOWARD, Secretary.
Capital Paid-up in Cash, \$200,000.

ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 1897.
Real estate owned by the company, unencumbered, \$26,800.00
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), 31,047.51
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value, 332,241.90
Loans secured by collateral, 4,000.00
Cash in the company's principal office, 43,686.75
Interest due and accrued, and due from other companies, 2,602.88
Premiums in due course of collection, 27,023.29
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$478,104.57
LIABILITIES DECEMBER 31, 1897.
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$23,616.31
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks, 180,213.78
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions, etc., 14,024.74
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$247,854.83
Capital actually paid up in cash, 200,000.00
Surplus beyond capital, 60,244.74
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus, \$478,104.57
Agents: W. R. BROWN, Freehold, N. J.
A. S. HATHAWAY, Canton, N. J.
F. E. LAND, Freehold, N. J.

The Doctor Says:
"You are bilious. Calomel might free your liver, but I don't like to use it. When I was a boy, my mother used to give me 'L. F.' Atwood's Bitters, and it worked better than anything else I know of. Get a bottle and let's try that. I think they have it down at the store for 35c a bottle. Take only the 'L. F.' Others will not help you."



A Full Hand makes a glad heart.

B-L TOBACCO
flavor touches the right spot and gratifies the taste.

Mrs. E. G. Skillings,
DEALER IN...
MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS,
116 Main St., Corner Cottage, Norway, Maine.

that cough or throat trouble may go to your lungs. What does that mean?

HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR
Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is claimed to cure consumption, but it will often prevent it. A positive cure for a cough. Sold by druggists.
Pile's Tonic Drops cure in one minute.

Young Man Wanted.
A young man to learn the dry goods business. Must be strong, neat in appearance, of highest moral character, a regular attendant at church, of no bad habits, and energetic. Apply by letter giving references. Address, Dry Goods, care Advertiser, Norway, Me.

WM. C. LEAVITT

will continue the cleaning up sale until March 1, 1898. Anyone wanting some of the things better come early as they are moving fast. Some of the best articles are about cleaned up. Those Scissors and Knives at 10c. won't abide. If ever there was need to make a dollar carry double it is now.

WM. C. LEAVITT.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
Notice is hereby given that the firm of Hunter & Emery is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
S. H. HUNTER,
Norway, Feb. 23, 1898. J. H. EMERY.

The Merchants' Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey.
Incorporated in 1858.
G. LEE STOUT, President.
J. R. MULLEN, Secretary.
Capital Paid Up in Cash, \$400,000.00.

ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 1897.
Real estate owned by the company, unencumbered, \$356,099.43
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), 255,600.00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value, 787,574.50
Loans secured by collateral, 5,000.00
Cash in company's principal office, and in bank, 48,326.41
Interest due and accrued, 9,890.22
Premiums in due course of collection, net, 115,772.75
Rents and insurance on losses paid, 559.68
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$1,619,122.22
LIABILITIES DECEMBER 31, 1897.
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$77,145.41
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks, 722,875.69
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions, etc., 27,840.90
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$827,862.00
Capital actually paid up in cash, 400,000.00
Surplus beyond capital, 391,251.63
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus, \$1,619,122.22
Agents: FREELAND HOWE, Agent, S. H. HUNTER, Secretary, Norway, Maine.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of ELBRIDGE G. ALLEN, late of Norway, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereon are requested to make payment immediately.
Feb. 16, 1898. LOUISA D. ALLEN.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix with the will annexed, of the estate of GEORGE CROOKER, late of Norway, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereon are requested to make payment immediately.
Feb. 15, 1898. HELEN A. CROOKER.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of AMOS C. FRYE, late of Fryeburg, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereon are requested to make payment immediately.
Feb. 15, 1898. MARY B. FRYE.

PROBATE NOTICES.
To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the following petitions were presented for the action thereon: hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, a newspaper published at Norway, in said County, that they may appear at the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1898, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

ESTHER F. MANSON, late of Norway, deceased; will and petition to probate thereof and the appointment of Freeman Manson as administrator with the will annexed, presented by said Freeman Manson.
MARY E. FRESCOTT, late of Glenad, deceased; first account presented for allowance by John A. Burbank, administrator.
NETTIE E. McDONALD, of Woodstock; petition for change of name to Nettie E. Vail, presented by said Nettie E. McDonald.
S. WARD S. STEARNS, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—Attest:
S. H. ALBERT D. FARR, Register.

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Coming Events.

- March 2.—Ball, Dunham's Hall, West Paris.
- March 4.—Drill and ball, Robinson Hall, Oxford.
- March 7.—Annual Town Meeting in Norway.
- March 10.—Closing Concert, M. E. Chapel, West Paris.
- March 15.—Henderson-Thurston Merry Makers, Dunham's Hall, West Paris.
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James Evans of East Hiram has been granted a pension, \$6.

Alonso Brown of Paris has had his pension increased from \$6 to \$8.

Windham has decided not to take stock in the proposed Westbrook, Windham & Harrison Railway.

RUMFORD.

W. W. Small at Rumford Falls is quite sick.

Bad storms, bad roads, bad crossing the river.

Fred Holdson of Rumford Point is in quite poor health.

Annie Morgan, Ed. Stuart, Ed. Martin and Harold Hutchins are attending school at the Point.

G. C. Abbott is very feeble, this winter. His son Lyman of West Bethel is with him for a few days.

The death of Gideon C. Abbott occurred at his home, Tuesday, March 1st. He was 83 years and 3 months old. He leaves a wife, four sons, two daughters and one brother.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Mary Jackson is working at C. D. Bean's.

Allie Emery is hauling birch for Charles Moore.

H. M. Kendall has nearly finished hauling his poplar to Bethel station.

Albert Eames of Lawrence, Mass., is visiting his father, J. F. Eames.

James Spinney's little daughter, who has been very sick, is recovering.

Lorin Trask will haul the white birch from David Fleet's to Thurston's mill.

February has been a very hard month for lumbering. We shall need the traditional six weeks sledding in March.

NORWAY CENTER.

Howard Knightly has returned home from Paris, where he has been at work for his brother.

Fred Foster has a bossy a few days old with no eyes and no tail.

Dan Watson is hauling logs to the sled factory.

John Wyman and Thomas Knightly are working up their wood piles in good season.

Mr. Lafarier from the village is hauling pine timber on to the lake for Ed. Hobbs.

Annie Hobbs came from Massachusetts to visit her friends at home, a short time ago.

We have all been drifted in so much of the time for the past few weeks that everything has been very quiet—excepting the wind.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Amzi Sanborn of Sabattus, who is visiting friends in Brownfield and adjoining towns, has been the guest of Mr. Gatchell for a few weeks.

Quite a number from this village attended the "Deerfoot Skule" at Brownfield Centre, last week. It was given for the benefit of the public library.

Lula Mason has returned from Denmark, where she has been working in the family of George Flanders, and Villa Fessenden is taking her place for a few weeks.

Spring has arrived early in Brownfield and has come to stay with one family at least, that of Mr. and Mrs. Ohas. Spring, who are rejoicing at the coming of a baby boy.

WILSON'S MILLS.

James Turner has finished his logging job and moved out of the woods, Saturday.

A. R. Pennock has taken the job to put in a hundred thousand of yarded lumber for A. J. Wilson.

F. A. Flint's teams went to Rangeley after material for the new steamboat that is to be built by the Farmachenee Club.

A snow storm commenced, Feb. 20th, and one can't say that it is finished at present. By breaking roads every day we are yet on top of snow.

Dr. Henderson of Errol has been to the B. M. Co's camps to see some sick men, and several sick ones have come out from the camps, the past week.

Orton Brown of the B. M. Co. came through here from the Kennebec region, Friday, and reports five feet of snow in that locality, and ten inches here since fallen.

FRYEBURG.

Fred Fife is working in the seed store. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howe have gone to Boston.

The Woman's Town Meeting will be held, Friday evening.

Fred Sawtelle has closed his school and returned to Orono.

John Locke, Jr., and family of Portland spent Sunday in town.

Morris Pillsbury is spending a vacation at his home in Fryeburg.

The Prismatic Club will meet with Ruth Glines, Tuesday evening.

The Chautauque circle will meet with Mrs. Frank Locke, Monday, March 7.

Mrs. M. B. Barker entertained the members of the Chautauque circle and invited guests at her home, Saturday evening.

The drama, "Hickory Farm," was given in New Church Hall, Monday evening. It was well played and enjoyed by a large audience.

The next meeting of the Woman's Club will be on March 11, the program under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Abbott, chairman of the musical committee.

The drama, "Me and Otis," was presented before a large audience at the vestry, Thursday evening, with the following cast of characters:

- Dick Davis.....Frank Eastman
- Byron Makepeace Thornton.....Fred Sawtelle
- John Tewksbury.....Howard Woodward
- Reinhold Thomas.....Fred Fife
- Sam Scullum.....George Gay
- Betty.....Clara Gloy
- Florence Follett.....Mrs. Frank Gloy
- Kosilla Tewksbury.....Ruth Glines
- Sophronia Ruggles.....Mary Woodward

WEST MINOT.

Minnie Davee spent Sunday in Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bean were at Buckfield, Friday.

Lennie DeCosta of Lewiston spent Sunday in the place.

S. T. DeCosta of Turner is visiting his sister, Mrs. Rose Pike.

Edith Greenwood returned home, Saturday, from a visit to Portland.

Mrs. Blanche Severy of Portland is visiting her brother, Erving, Greenwood.

J. B. Cloutier and wife spent Sunday at Paris with their daughter, Mrs. Shagron.

There will be an entertainment in Grange hall, March 4th, by the Hayden Company of Auburn.

Mrs. Charles Everett of Berlin, N. H., Linnie DeCosta of Lewiston and Mrs. F. M. Young of this place were the guests of Mrs. M. E. Young, Sunday.

WEST BETHEL.

Isaac Weagle and son are to work for A. S. Bean.

Eugene Briggs of Bethel was seen in this village recently.

R. W. Glidden of Bethel was in this village, last Saturday.

Gladys Fletcher has been visiting her aunt at Gorham, N. H.

Maud Merrow visited her uncle, J. L. Holt, at Salem, Mass., recently.

It is hoped by many here that A. W. Grover may be the next postmaster at Bethel.

Frank Goodnow of Gorham, N. H., was in this vicinity, last Saturday, and returned home, Sunday.

Geneva Valentine has returned home from Melrose, Mass., where she has been at work in a rubber factory.

The old stable belonging to Irene Needham broke down, last week, it being heavily loaded with snow.

W. A. Russell is having a body made for a light truck wagon. J. H. Deering is doing the work and is doing a fine job which will look nice when done.

Prof. Cook don't believe in letting his fruits and other perishable goods at his store spoil on his hands, says he rather distribute them among his customers, where they may do somebody some good.

We think that just right and hope his many patrons will not forget the favors received.

OXFORD.

Band concert passed off pleasantly, and quite a sum realized.

Evelyn, only child of Richard Irving is quite sick with scarlet fever.

Merrill Brackett has a lamb, one day old, at this writing, which weighs 12 pounds.

A large party of townspeople attended the prize speaking contest at Gould Academy in Bethel, last Friday evening. Leon Walker took the first prize.

COMFORTING WORDS TO WOMEN.

The Surgical Chair and its Tortures May be Avoided by Women Who Read Mrs. Pinkham's Advice.

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BETHEL.

C. M. Wornell was in Portland over Sunday.

Sheriff Penley is out again after a ten days tussle with the gripe.

L. L. Mason of Deering recently visited his mother, Mrs. O. M. Mason.

O. H. Hersey and the Boston Globe reporter were in town, Monday night.

There have been 42 deaths, 41 births and 19 marriages in town the past year.

F. L. Edwards, Billie Kendall and Merton Barwell are the last ones reported as "enjoying" the mumps.

The remains of Frances, only daughter of Albert L. Burbank, esq., were recently brought to Bethel for interment.

The lumber has arrived from Libby & Son, Gorham, for the Academy repairs.

A citizens' caucus is called, next Friday, by concerted action of both Republican and Democratic town committees.

Snow-shoes are much used by pedestrians. They can go across lots, over all fences without any "taking down of bars."

The remains of Spencer T. Bartlett, a former resident of Bethel, have been brought from Massachusetts for interment.

Those who tap their sugar trees in the ordinary way will need a step-ladder in gathering up their buckets at the end of the season.

Snow is reported six feet deep in the woods and lumbermen cannot pay their running expenses as all new roads must be shoveled.

G. R. Wiley, our popular postmaster, has been sick since last Thursday night. He has had the attention of three physicians at times. Wednesday morning, Mr. W. appears better.

Any one driving out on the country roads sometimes drives for miles to find a place to turn around, and often that place will be some over roomy stable.

Rev. Israel Jordan has handed in his resignation to his society to take effect June first. This step is much regretted by his people, also by the village people generally as he is universally respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

A caucus is called by the Republican committee to Republican patrons of Bethel post-office for the purpose of selecting from among the several applicants a candidate for postmaster.

All patrons of the office in Bethel and adjoining towns are entitled to a voice in the caucus. A check list will be used. All interested for any candidate should see that their names are recorded on such list.

The Gould Academy school closed, last Thursday, and the contest in the prize speaking contest, at Oden Hall on Friday evening. The hall was filled with an interested audience. Many were present from Gorham and Berlin, N. H., and from Norway, Paris, Oxford and Portland.

The speaking was all good and by nine young ladies and eight young gentlemen. Gentleman's first prize to Leon Valentine Walker, second to Edwin L. Forest Harvey; lady's first prize to Florence Carter, second to Ethel Sanborn.

Judges: S. S. Stearns, esq., of Norway and Geo. M. Atwood, esq., of Paris. The awards as a whole were satisfactory.

The stage was prettily decorated with evergreen trees, and "Gould Academy" in large silver letters was suspended from the ceiling. The following program was presented interspersed with music:

An Unsent Diamond.....Minnie Godwin
Travellers' First Hunt.....Robert Calvin Bishop
The Trials.....Alys Perkins
The Execution of Sidney Carton.....

Lily Sorvesset's Ride.....Adrian Stanton
How Tom Sawyer Whitewashed the Fence.....
How Night, Papa.....Cora Farwell
The Vagabond Prince.....Merritt Brackett Gay
Old Mother Goose.....Sarah Chapman
How "Rudy" Played.....Merl Jackson Holt
The Shadow of Doom.....Henrietta Douglas
The Stranded Ship.....Florence Carter
The Gipsy Flower Girl.....George Henry Ekins
Hand Car 42.....Ethel Sanborn
A Mourning Veil.....Ethel Sanborn
The Eloquence of O'Connell.....Mabel Shaw

Youna.....Mabel Shaw
Every part was well sustained from beginning to close. Regular drill in elocution has been a new feature of the school this year, and all have not previously had the advantage of the long drill.

The music was furnished by the male quartette and mixed quartette of Gould Academy, under the direction of W. Stanwood Field, who also rendered a solo very acceptably. Miss Billings as pianist gave the pleasure she always affords.

Clinch Barker went to Portland, Saturday.

O. H. Hersey, esq., of Buckfield was in town over Monday night.

W. C. Stearns of Paris visited his sister, Mrs. E. C. Park, Sunday.

Mrs. S. N. Bennett of Norway Lake is caring for her sister, Mrs. Thomas Morrill.

Mrs. Newton Richardson is in Norway visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Stearns.

Albert Copeland is closing up his affairs in Bethel. He will emigrate to Klondike.

BOLSTERS MILLS.
Mrs. Ireson Greene, who has been very ill, is improving.

Our school closed, last week, after a very pleasant and profitable term taught by Irving Parker of Otisfield.

Despite the bad traveling, there was a good audience at church, last Sabbath, to listen to our pastor's eloquent discourse. A beautiful bouquet of calla lilies adorned the pulpit, furnished by Mrs. F. H. Pike. The evening meeting was conducted by Rev. Mr. Eldridge.

Mrs. Jane Brackett passed to her Heavenly rest, the 13th ult., after a brief illness of one week. Mrs. Brackett has lived among us for many years and was loved by all. Though living a quiet life, her exemplary Christian character was felt by her associates, who will greatly miss her.

SOUTH WATERFORD.
Town meeting on Monday, the 7th. We trust there will be a full attendance, as matters of considerable importance will come before the voters for action.

The extreme depth of snow has seriously interfered with the little lumbering being done in this vicinity, and it looks like some contracts remaining unfulfilled.

At a largely attended caucus held on Saturday last, the Democrats nominated the following municipal officers for the coming year:

Moderator, Eugene Nelson.
Clerk, Melville Monroe.
Selectmen, C. H. Fride, H. T. Brown, C. C. Doughty.
Treas., Daniel Brown.
Agent, G. C. Wheeler.
S. S. C. M. Sanderson, F. A. Noble, M. F. Knight.
Road Commissioner, Freeman Haggood.

Sunday-School Convention.

The Little Androsoggin Valley Sunday-School Association had a very successful convention, in the Norway Methodist church, Wednesday. At half-past ten, the convention opened with a devotional service led by Rev. E. F. Doughty of Locke's Mills.

The pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, welcomed the delegates with fitting words, after which the convention settled down to business. The attendance was very good and thirty-eight Sunday-schools were reported. The general condition of the work in the district is good.

Rev. A. Hamilton of Bethel spoke on "Ends to be Sought in Sunday-School Instruction." Familiarity with the word of God is the special purpose of Sabbath school teaching.

Rev. B. S. Rideout of Norway addressed the convention on the subject of dividing the school into senior and junior departments. The great value of such division when practicable was shown up to a considerable length.

After dinner, the p. m. session opened with an experience meeting and devotional service led by Rev. George D. Stanley of Oxford.

Mr. Rideout gave a carefully prepared paper, advocating the forming of a union Bible class in each community. The study by a large class of methods and ways of teaching each lesson is a thing of the greatest importance in promoting efficient teaching.

Teachers should be taught to not instruct their pupils but to develop and bring out the thoughts in the scholars' minds. Rev. Z. J. Wheeler of West Paris and Deacon George B. Crockett gave short talks on methods of teaching, and a lively general discussion followed.

The Socratic or inquisitive method and a lecture system were both advocated but the prevailing sentiment was for the former.

The afternoon closed with a chalk talk by Rev. L. A. Bean of South Paris on "We are the Light of the World."

The evening service opened with a brief praise and prayer-meeting. Rev. A. K. Bryant of West Paris, speaking on the importance to the community of Bible study, said that the knowledge of God's Word is good for the people because they who keep his commandments are they who know him.

People who realize the power with which the Bible teaches that Jesus is mighty to save, to save them from sin and unrighteousness, are the people who are most willing to make of themselves Christian citizens.

Rev. H. A. Roberts of Paris Hill described the relations of Bible study in the Sunday-school to the community.

Rev. S. A. Abraham of Oxford, speaking on the scope of Sunday-School work, said that its aim and boundary are to get people to take hold of the Bible's wealth of wisdom and earnestness of purpose and on these for a foundation build Christian characters; to teach people that they ought not first seek salvation in order to go to Heaven, but that they might begin Heaven here below.

The convention closed with some parting words from Mr. Eldridge and benediction pronounced by Mr. Abraham.

NORTH WATERFORD.
Geraldine York is quite sick, I understand.

Dana McAllister of West Stoneham was in town, Tuesday.

Fred Saunders is teaching another singing school at East Stoneham.

March came in like a lamb, but probably we shall hear the roaring of the lion ere long.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McAllister of North Lovell visited his uncle, J. C. Sawyer, last Sunday.

The schools are progressing finely with 25 scholars in the primary and about 30 in the advanced.

The circle will meet at the vestry, next Tuesday, if the weather is favorable, and will be entertained by six of the young misses.

The Current Event Club had a Klondike supper at the vestry, last Tuesday night, which consisted of baked beans and brown bread and all kinds of pastry. The young ladies who waited on the tables wore white lace caps and were supervised by the right from Alaska. A fine entertainment of music, singing, reading, games, also a sawdust gulch created lots of fun for the miners who unearthed dolls, oranges, apples and other miscellaneous articles which had been concealed. Mrs. Clifford Rice sold a cake cut in slices in which was a gold dollar and a stick pin. Mel Bartlett was the happy finder of both articles. It was a great success socially and financially as there was a good attendance. The proceeds amounted to over \$16.

NORTH PARIS.
Mabel Owen of Groveland is visiting Blanche Chase.

The infant son of Harris and Ethel Ellingwood died, Feb. 21.

Mrs. Jennie West has returned to her home at Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Theo Hammond of Bethel, formerly of this place, is visiting Lila Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutting of South Paris visited their daughter, Mrs. H. R. Edgerly, over Sunday.

Rev. L. A. Bean of South Paris, formerly pastor here, preached at the M. E. church, Feb. 27th, in exchange with Rev. A. K. Bryant.

The storm of last week was terrible in this section of the town. The oldest inhabitant cannot remember seeing the streets blocked as they were in this storm. The men are still shoveling at this writing (Monday). Tuesday, Feb. 22, Freeman Ellingwood of West Paris started to attend the funeral services of his grandson. When he reached this place he was obliged to call for help to get through the drifts. After going a short distance they were obliged to return with the team while Mr. Ellingwood proceeded on his sad journey with the casket in his arms. Near midnight there was another call for help, and a party turned out to assist Dr. O. K. Yates through to Charles E. Stevens', who had burst a blood vessel in his head. Just before the doctor reached this place, his horse gave out. He put his horse in F. Littlehale's stable and stage driver Kimball took his team and carried him the rest of the way. The horse was taken over very sick, the doctor was sent for and returned about daylight on snow-shoes. The horse died at noon. C. E. Stevens is comfortable.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Ellingwood lived only a few days.

John Corbett died, Feb. 21, and was buried Feb. 25. The unusual spectacle was seen of five or six men drawing a casket, loaded in a pun, more than a mile to Harvey Corbett's, where he died, and then drawing the corpse a short distance to the cemetery in the Tuell neighborhood. He was sick with consumption.

Town Reports—1897-8.

WOODSTOCK.—Resident real estate, \$128,355.00; non-resident real estate, 22,777.00; resident personal property, 40,255.00; non-resident personal property, 3,080.00; total valuation, 192,437.00; number of polls assessed, 249. Property tax rate, .02; poll tax, \$3.00. Commitment, \$4,593.74.

Expenses: Poor, \$558.15; highways, 1,394.47; schools, 1,601.00; school books, 109.12; schoolhouse repair, 72.18; salaries and miscellaneous, 462.08; state tax, 612.07; county tax, \$79.01.

Resources, \$4,205.00; liabilities, 2,407.56; balance in town's favor, 1,737.44.

WATERFORD.—Real estate, \$202,549.00; personal property, 60,205.00; number of polls taxed, 312. Money tax rate, .027; poll tax, \$3.00. Commitment, \$199.69.

Expenses: Town farm, \$161.48; poor off town farm, 194.14; Italian, 292.20; highways, 1,885.10; iron bridge, 1,243.30; snow bills, 880.18; salaries, 551.63; school books, 217.63; free high school, 296.23; schoolhouse repair in district No. 2, 107.55; other schoolhouse repair, 70.04; school supplies, insurance, etc., 144.03; common schools, 1,488.22; miscellaneous, 369.95; state tax, 809.51; county tax, 501.52.

Assets, \$5,344.47; liabilities, 3,842.41; balance in town's favor, 1,502.06.

STOW.—Real estate, \$103,123.00; personal property, 9,584.00; total valuation, 112,707.00; number polls taxed, 74. Money tax rate, .0107; money poll tax, \$1.00; highway tax rate, .0043; highway poll tax, 50c; money tax commitment, \$1,297.56; highway commitment, 520.31.

Expenses: School, \$825.15; highways, money, 94.61; salaries, 94.00; state tax, 337.07; county tax, 200.55.

Resources, \$398.53; liabilities, 198.53; balance in town's favor, 200.00.

ANDOVER.—Resident real estate, \$113,385.00; non-resident real estate, 28,455.00; resident personal property, \$3,310.00; non-resident personal property, 192.00; total valuation, 176,577.00; number polls taxed, 222. Property tax rate, .024; poll tax, \$3.00; commitment, \$4,903.77.

Expenses: Poor, \$652.51; new safe, 115.00; library, 150.00; highways, 949.93; new hearst, 227.66; schools, 1,289.66; schoolhouse repair, 123.43; school books, 213.37; free high school, 492.38; salaries and miscellaneous, 662.80.

Liabilities, \$4,043.97; resources, 3,202.27; net debt, 1,441.70.

RUMFORD.—Total valuation, \$1,231,920.00; appropriated and assessed, 24,472.00; number of polls, 919; rate of poll tax, \$2.50; rate of property tax, .018.

Number of scholars, 971; amount available for schools, \$9,729.08.

Standing of the town, liabilities, \$44,550.29; resources, 16,844.80; indebtedness of town, 27,705.49.

BRIDGTON.—Total valuation, \$1,262,672.00; resident real estate, 862,530.00; resident personal estate, 295,517.00; non-resident real estate, 90,190.00; non-resident personal estate, 14,495.00; rate of taxation, .0119; amount assessed, 17,030.80; bonded debt, 21,800.00; other liabilities, 1,543.09.

NORTH BRIDGTON.
A banquet will be served by the ladies of Bridgton Academy at the gymnasium, to-night (Friday). The banquet will be served by O. A. Kneeland of Crystal Lake Cottage, Harrison. A menu filled with overwording with good things is being prepared in landlady Kneeland's well-known style of pleasing his guests, and in connection the ladies are preparing to "discourse the sweeter banquet of the mind," with toasts appropriate to the time and occasion.

Edna Elizabeth Kimball, is on the program for an address; Jessie May Sylvester will speak on Our Society; Bertha Ingalls Greene, Housekeeping; Fannie Ellen Hamlin, The Opposite Sex; Annie Ray Weston, Our Athletic Achievements; and impromptu speeches.

EAST OTISFIELD.
Mrs. Harlan Lovewell is very sick.

Moses Spiller has cut his finger quite badly.

John J. McNeil went to Mechanic Falls, last Friday.

Albert Wright is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. R. Stone.

Albert Edgcomb from Bridgton is at work for Stephen D. Jilison in the mill.

Freeland Blair from Poland has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. John J. McNeil.

Fred A. Kemp has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Leroy Pottle, at Lovell, for the past two weeks.

Cyrus Reed, who has been stopping with Charles Robbins, has gone to Oxford to work in the factory.

ANDOVER.
John A. French was at home from Benik last week.

J. O. Newton from Kent's Hill is visiting his father, John D. Newton, for a few days.

Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant has there been so much snow on the ground as at the present time, and many people are obliged to shovel it from their buildings to prevent them from being crushed by the great weight. The roads are in bad shape as the snow has come so fast as to make it impossible to keep a good road.

LOCKE'S MILLS.
O. W. Brown was home from Bethel over Sunday as usual.

C. K. Cross and S. S. Felt and wife went to Bethel, Tuesday.

Charles Hussey is busy hauling the rest of his birch to the pool mill.

"It seems good not to be 'snow-bound' as we have been for the past two weeks."

Bert and Ed. Bryant came to town, last Thursday, from Massachusetts to visit their brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Farnham attended Pomona Grange at Bryant's Pond, Tuesday, and report a very nice time.

Mrs. C. K. Cross and Mrs. A. L. Emery were the guests of Mrs. Helen Crocker, Norway, last Friday and Saturday.

On account of sickness, A. L. Emery was obliged to return home from Massachusetts. He is now preparing to make a quantity of maple syrup.

NORWAY LAKE.
E. L. Lafarier was at the lake over Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Marston's health is a great deal better.

Mrs. David Flood visited Mrs. Asa Crow Monday.

Riden D. Hall, a little six-year-old, can say all of the multiplication tables and division tables and there is no one that can stick him. He has been almost through his spelling book and through his reading book. He went to school the whole term and did not have to get a lesson the second time.

EAST HIRAM.

Mrs. Marcia Ridlon of Boston is the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Hartford.

Mrs. E. W. Bosworth gave a library party, Feb. 23, which was much enjoyed. Each of the nineteen ladies present represented some book, and several of the efforts embodied particularly bright ideas.

Nellie Warren of Cornish recited in costume "The Gipsy Flower Girl." After the refreshments had been served a drawing contest among the gentlemen created great merriment and discovered more than one artist. The house was decorated with evergreen, roses and carnations, the flowers being a birthday surprise to Mrs. Bosworth.

BIRTHS.
In North Paris, Feb. 20, to the wife of E. E. Field, a daughter.

In Natick, Mass., Feb. 17, to the wife of Frank F. Fulster, a daughter, (Helen Elizabeth).

In East Hiram, Feb. 20, to the wife of Wilbur Sargent, a son.

In Norway, Feb. 24, to the wife of C. D. Bean, a son.

In Rumford, Feb. 10, to the wife of E. A. DeLano, a daughter, (Helen Elizabeth).

In Peru, Feb. 22, to the wife of M. Hall, a daughter.

In Albany, Feb. 16, to the wife of G. G. McAllister, a daughter.

In Mexico, Feb. 16, to the wife of George B. Reed, a daughter.

In Mexico, Feb. 18, to the wife of Wallace Reed, a daughter.

In Casco, Feb. 21, to the wife of Irvin P. Fickett, a daughter.

In East Centre, February, to the wife of Willis Ricker, a son.

MARRIAGES.
In Canton, Feb. 22, by Rev. Fr. Horan, John H. McDonald and Elizabeth N. Martin, both of Rumford Falls.

In Rumford Falls, Feb. 26, by Rev. G. B. Hamanford, John McMillan and Edna L. Smith, both of Rumford Falls.

In Gorham, N. H., Feb. 23, by Rev. Sampson Nicholl, Fred E. Decker of Berlin, N. H., and Frank L. Otis of Grafton.

In Canton, March 1, by Rev. John M. Page, Charles DeWolf, Rumford and Agnes M. Coolidge of Canton.

DEATHS.
In Norway, Feb. 23, Mrs. Belinda, widow of the late Gen. George L. Beal, aged 71 years.

In Naples, Feb. 13, Henry Jackson aged 78 years.

In South Paris, Feb. 11, Charles A. Hutchinson.

In Sumner, Feb. 17, D. Winslow Morrill, aged 64 years, 2 months, 10 days.

In West Sumner, Feb. 26, James E. Chandler, aged 26 years, 3 months.

In Buckfield, Feb. 19, Mrs. John E. Wood, aged 26 years.

In Buckfield, Feb. 21, Stephen Winslow, aged about 70 years.

In North Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 26, Rose Maxim, formerly of Buckfield, aged 47 years.

In Paris, Feb. 26, James E. Chandler.

In Portland, Feb. 24, at Maine General Hospital, George H. Whitcomb of Topsham, formerly of Norway, aged 55 years, 11 months, 24 days.

In Newry, Feb. 10, Chas. Wright, aged over 80 years.

In Andover, Feb. 18, Mrs. Esther Learned, aged about 49 years.

In Andover, Feb. 21, John Akers, aged 79 years.

In West Brownfield, Feb. 19, Mrs. Mabel Littlefield Meserve.

In Dickvale, Feb. 17, Mrs. Arthur L. Child, aged 19 years.

In Norway, Feb. 24, Mary Johnson, aged 89 years and 10 days.

In South Paris, March 2, Fitzroy J. Foster, aged 49 years.

EAST HEBRON.

Mrs. Stillman Hersey is working for B. C. Keene.

Mrs. O. N. Jenkins is staying with Mrs. Braden at present.

Ice is crumbly that is being cut now and much care has to be taken in packing.

Mrs. B. C. Keene is failing. Her doctor says she can live but a very short time.

Our roads are narrow and it is hard work to turn out to pass a team. We hope to see warm days ere long.

Smith & Blanchard's Comedy have their bills out for Monday evening in Good Templars hall. This is their third visit since July.

Wednesday evening a musical entertainment in Grange hall. The Bray Sisters from Auburn give the entertainment. The Grange an oyster supper.

Rev. W. L. Braden has not yet returned from York county and New Hampshire where he went to obtain a situation, some two weeks since, as pastor of a congregation.

Mrs. I. F. Saunders treated the Good Templars at their Saturday evening meeting to some of her popcorn squares. All decided they were superior to anything they had ever tasted before.

Mrs. Henry Berry and Mrs. Melvin Berry (nee Edith M. Bonney) are some expected from Milwaukee, Wis., this month. Mrs. Henry Berry has been absent about six months and will be gladly welcomed home by her many friends.

Mrs. Melvin Berry's relatives all live in Maine and Massachusetts and her friends are anxious for her to visit her old home.

WEST PARIS.

Henderson-Thurston Merry Makers of Mechanic Falls will be in Dunham's Hall under the auspices of the Universalist Circle, Tuesday evening, March 15th. They will give a delightful entertainment.

A GOOD CUP OF COFFEE

At Breakfast braces you up for your day's work provided it is made from the pure unadulterated berry. The following brands are too well known

When Trains Leave Norway.

Leave Norway for Portland and Lewiston.
9:23, a. m.; 4:13, p. m.
Leave Norway for Gorham and West.
9:23, a. m.; 3:30, 7:53, p. m.
*Including Sunday.

BUSINESS SPECIALS.

Under this head business notices inserted for ten cents per line. Seven words to the line. Lowest prices on earth on Crayon copies, water colors and picture frames. Fine 16x20 crayon copies \$1.50, regular price \$5.00. Very best 16x20 crayons, no crayon can be better or more permanent, \$1.50. Water colors and pastels 50c. more. Very heavy 16x20 frames, \$1.00, usual price \$3.00. Carved oak and gold frames, \$1.50, usual price \$4.50. Chase, Brown Street.

NORWAY.

Mrs. Jennie Lemere visited in Berlin, last week.
C. W. Littlewood is rusticating at the Hub for a few days.
Elmer Abbott of Berlin, N. H., recently visited friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Edgcomb recently visited Mrs. C. R. Edgcomb at Mechanic Falls.

The U. R. K. of P. give a Drill and Ball at Robinson Hall, Oxford, to-night, Friday.

Mrs. N. W. Millett received a box of superior oranges from her cousin, W. T. Noyes, an extensive fruit grower of Messina, Cal.

David O. Sturley, Jr., spent the Sabbath with his brothers, Thomas and Charles, in this town. He is located at Augusta in the store with his other brother, Joseph.

Norway Co. Uniformed Rank K. P. have generously offered a Benefit Drill and Exhibition to the burned out Bridgton Co. Gibbs' Opera House, Bridgton, about March 11th.

The Citizens hold a caucus at Norway Opera House, Saturday, March 5th, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of selecting candidates to be supported at the coming municipal election, and a Citizens' town committee.

The Republicans hold a caucus at Norway Opera House, Saturday, March 5, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of selecting candidates to be supported at the coming municipal election, and a Republican town committee.

Letters to Norway People.

Mr. Geo. W. Chaney, Norway, Me.
DEAR SIR: As a practical painter, perhaps you have tried many different makes of paint. Probably you have a preference for one particular brand, and that you almost always use that brand. Now, we don't ask you to break right away from your favorite paint, but if you want to use the best-covering and longest-wearing paint made—the kind used by most of the largest railroad companies of the United States and Mexico—we would ask you to give F. W. Devor & Co.'s Pure Lead and Zinc Paint a trial. As they are composed of pure lead, pure zinc, pure linseed oil, pure tinting colors and nothing else, they are the kind we think you want to use.

They are guaranteed to contain no water, alkali, fish oil, petroleum barytes, whiteners or other adulterants. They are sold subject to chemical analysis. Send a can to your State chemist, and we will pay cost of analysis, cost of paint and pay you for your trouble.

F. W. Devor & Co.'s Pure Lead and Zinc Paints are sold by F. P. Stone whom we have appointed sole agent for Norway. You must see his standing. He agreed to act as our agent only after thoroughly convincing himself that our paints were strictly pure in every sense of the word.

They are just such paints as you would make if you used the best materials, but by our method of: 1st grinding the ingredients with powerful machinery; 2d, mixing them with a powerful mixer; 3d, regrinding; 4th remixing; they are far more durable and the colors more permanent than if mixed in a paint tub with a stick. As you know, the durability of paint depends largely upon the grinding. Mixing by hand is not grinding.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOR & CO.

SOUTH ALBANY.

Roy Lord is peddling fish here, this winter.
Jesse Littlefield is at work at Swan's Corner.

Merritt Sawin has bought Edwin French's colt.

P. P. Dresser recently made a short trip to Welchville.

Henry Sawin attended the caucus at Waterford Flat, Sunday.

Geraldine York has been quite ill for a few days but is better now.

John F. Mason went to North Albany, Friday, and came back, Saturday.

L. A. Sawin and little son Holden spent last Sunday at his home in this place.

Now that the weather has subsided a little, the great question is who will be road commissioner?

Edwin French has returned to his work at Freeport. He came through from Sumner with Sawin Bros.' oxen and got here, Monday night.

NEWRY.

J. F. Coolidge is suffering from heart disease.

Orrin Foster is very low. The doctors have had a consultation.

May Foster and Hollis Coolidge are in sympathy just now on account of mumps.

J. S. Allen is hauling timber to J. A. Thurston's mill at Newry as fast as the snow storms will permit. The people here are nearly discouraged, for if they get the road broken in good shape there will be another snow to fill it again.

BEAUTIFUL SEA SHELLS.

Every one admires them. Since coming south I have received numerous inquiries from northern people for sea shells, and now I am prepared to answer yes, I can send you shells, for I have made quite a collection of lovely shells, both from our own coast, the coral reefs, and some beautiful ones from the West India Islands. I will mail a dozen, no two alike, to any one who sends a stamp for postage. Yours,
Mrs. F. A. WARNER, Jacksonville, Fla.

HARRISON.

Mrs. Ruth Buck is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albion Knight, in Raymond.

Mrs. Jos. L. Brackett died at her home in Bolster's Mills, Feb. 13th, at the age of 64 years.

Howard M. Buck of South Harrison went to Egan, South Dakota, several years ago, where he has prospered in business. He has gone to Alaska.

Another of Harrison's old citizens has passed away, Simon Purington, a life long resident of this town. Mr. Purington has been a hard working man and for many years was in the employ of P. Tolman & Co., twine manufacturers.

MAPLE RIDGE.—Although Maple Ridge is nearly buried under snow, yet we can see up straight and get a glimpse of the sun for a few minutes when it deigns to show itself from behind the clouds.

Mrs. Lizzie Wight and Mrs. Albert Cummings are slowly improving, after being sick all winter.

Geo. Knight is out once more, having been poorly for a long time. Jonathan Smith is also on the gain.

Geo. Cummings, we hear, has bought a stand at Bolster's Mills but we trust he is not going there to live.

Q. M. Chute has not got through logging yet, but we hear he is expected home soon. The man that did not have any logging to do, this winter, is the lucky one.

Geo. Carlsby has his four horses hauling timber from Waterford to Norway, this winter. He has had the pleasure of being juror for two terms of the Supreme Court at Portland.

John Witham is at work in the woods for Scribner Bros., who are doing quite a business logging, even if the snow is deep. It takes more than snow or high water to stop Bode and Jess.

Frank Ward, our cream gatherer, is pretty tall but none too tall for the deep snowdrifts, this winter. I think he would vote for an electric railroad from Harrison to Norway, provided it would agree to make three trips weekly.

The busiest man we know of is our road commissioner, Jas. Thomas, and he has his hands full to keep the roads passable. He deserves much credit for the good roads through the town, this year, and his business like report to the town, showing how the money was expended.

Wm. L. Grover, who has been confined to the house for the last six weeks with a very severe attack of muscular rheumatism and neuralgia, is gaining and hopes to be able soon to attend to business. Fred Allen is doing his chores and has proved to be an excellent man for the place. Mr. Grover's sickness has prevented his attending to his duties as agent of the Harrison Mutual Fire Insurance company, but he hopes now to resume them.

Jas. Thomas, Q. M. Chute, J. C. Frost and Wm. L. Grover have their usual quota of spring lambs. Jas. Thomas has sent two, which came late in the fall, to market, and Wm. L. Grover has some, which came the last of December that are nearly ready to go. They find it to their advantage to dress their lambs and calves and ship direct to Boston, but wish they had one of those pneumatic tubes to shoot them there with, this spring, the same as they shoot the letters in the cities.

Female Complaints—Welcome News.

It is a fact that our women suffer from female complaints and are consequently weak, tired, nervous, dragged out and full of pains and aches. Dr. Greene, of 34 Temple Place, Boston, is a specialist in curing female complaints, offers to give free consultation by mail to all women suffering from these distressing weaknesses, discharges, pains and irregularities. Consult Dr. Greene by letter and he will write you carefully explaining all your symptoms so plainly that you will understand exactly what ails you. Write now. He can and will cure you.

WATERFORD.

TEMPLE HILL.—The regular attendance for the winter term in district No. 3 has, up to the last week, been excellent. On account of the severe storm many were unable to attend, yet those not absent one-half day from school are as follows:—Roxey Hersey, Clarence McGowan, Charlie Buck, Hattie Buck, Lewis Keen and George Dickinson, and those absent for one day only are: Harold McGowan, Etta Skinner, Maud Miller, Bertha Miller and Sadie Hersey.

Improvement in Obituary Resolutions. There has been a great and general improvement within fifteen years in the phrasing of obituary resolutions. Persons still pitifully young, may remember when almost all the formal obituary resolutions that appeared in the newspapers began: "Whereas it has pleased an inscrutable Providence to remove our late neighbor, James Smith, Resolved, That we submit," etc. This form seems to be no longer in general use. The resolutions of the day take some things for granted, and are a good deal more tersely and simply contrived.—Harper's Weekly.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed, you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.
E. J. CHENEY, Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

RUMFORD.

Mrs. Edgar Delano and children are at F. S. Delano's.

M. P. Virgin and wife were at Rumford Falls, Saturday.

H. L. Small visited at W. W. Small's, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. George W. Stearns of Rumford Falls is visiting at Asa Martin's.

Johanna Rolfe stayed at Warren Adams' during the recent severe storm.

No school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, on account of the storm.

The stage failed to come from Bryant's Pond, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of last week.

The dances at V. I. S. Hall are well attended and good times enjoyed by all who attend.

Cleve Bailett from East Bethel is boarding at J. H. Estes' and going to school at Rumford Falls.

Tangled Textures.

Everything pertaining to this department must be sent to "PUZZLE EDITOR," Box 55, West Bethel, Oxford County, Maine. We invite all readers of the ADVERTISER to assist us in making this department an instructive and permanent feature of the paper by sending original enigmas, charades, anagrams, diamonds, squares, stars, etc., for publication, and answers to the puzzles as they appear.

Answers to Puzzles of Feb. 11th:
No. 12.—(1) D Y (2) Z N A
D H O N Y S N I Z E
A N D S A P E
Y

No. 13.—Devastator.
No. 14.—M A S S A C H U S E T T S
S E A F A T H E R S
C L E R I C S
T R I P S Y
E N G

No. 21. NUMERICAL ENIGMA.
The whole, composed of 17 letters, is a well-known contributor to the columns of the ADVERTISER.

The 2, 7, 10, 12, is to distribute.
The 1, 4, 5, 13, is loving.
The 15, 11, 14, 9, is a trifle.
The 16, 13, 5, 8, is a prognostic.

Bethel, Me. TITUS.

No. 22. DIAMOND.
1. A letter. 2. To retard. 3. Oblivion. 4. What the puzzle editor likes to receive. 5. A pronoun. 6. To wander from the right way. 7. A letter.

Bangor, Me. O. P. Q.

No. 23. DOUBLE ACROSTIC.
(Words of five letters.)
1. A cartoonist. 2. A tree and its fruit. 3. A court officer. 4. A destitute of contents. 5. Offensively filthy. 6. Excessively large. 7. A letter.

The first and fourth letters name something which appears in the ADVERTISER every week. ENIGMAS.

Bethel, Me. MAUDE.

No. 24. ENIGMA.
The 5 to 1 means chosen and selected. Happy is one whom she has not rejected. He is 4 to 5, this modest claim. That she had rivals who were rich and fairer. Bestowed by Cooper as a rebel name.

St. Joseph, Mo. MAUDE.

No. 25. TWO SMALL DIAMONDS.
(1) 1. A letter. 2. The shore of a vessel. 3. A river of Asia. 4. Any one of the four ages of man. 5. The Hindu divide the duration of existence into four periods.

(2) 1. A letter. 2. A short ridge connecting two hills. 3. A letter. 4. A steep ravine. 5. A letter.

Whitneyville, Me. MURRAY.

No. 26. METAGRAM.
Whole, I am a celebrated kind of antiquity. Behold, and I am a celebrated antiquity. Character, transposed, and I become efficient. Delete one letter, and leave a nickname given to one of the Presidents of the United States.

ANTIQUEUR.

"Tangled Textures" in the ADVERTISER of Feb. 4th were correctly solved by Jennie Jenkins, North Norway; Gertrude Lewiston; Patience, Bryant's Pond; O. P. Q., Bangor; Bushwhacker, North Waterford; Titus and Enrique Lee, Bethel; Ann Eliza, Portland; Trapper, West Paris; Jimmie, Buckfield; Penelope, West Gray; Betsey, Lovell; Penelope, West Paris; W. H. L., Oxford.

Answers to this week's puzzles must reach us prior to March 8th, to be credited in the issue of March 18th. We are pleased to see the number of solvers steadily increasing, but there is room for all, and "the more the merrier."

We desire to receive original puzzles of all kinds for publication. Send only those which have never been printed. Delete one letter, and leave a nickname given to one of the Presidents of the United States.

Next week we shall publish six new puzzles from Alexander, Murray, E. D. W., Maude, O. P. Q., and Veteran.

Now let us see how many can untie one more of the "Tangled Textures" in this issue. PUZZLE EDITOR.

Answers to Puzzles of Feb. 18th:
No. 17.—(1) S O R A (2) S O R A
S K I T H S A I M
A T E A N

No. 18.—Sparrow.

No. 19.—Lutescent.

No. 20.—C
P E S
F O R T U N E
R O U N D I V E
R M O E S A N D

No. 21. NUMERICAL ENIGMA.
The whole, composed of 25 letters, is what many like to do.

The 2, 7, 12, is a breach.
The 8, 15, 24, 22, is the fruit of a tree.
The 1, 10, 11, is a letter.
The 12, 5, 23, is to plague.
The 11, 12, 25, is to satiate.
The 2, 3, 15, 20, 21, is the covering of fruit.

West Bethel, Me. VETERAN.

No. 22. DIAMOND.
1. A letter. 2. A yellowish-white, creamy opaque matter. 3. A letter. 4. A letter. 5. A letter. 6. A letter. 7. A letter. 8. A letter. 9. A letter. 10. A letter. 11. A letter. 12. A letter. 13. A letter. 14. A letter. 15. A letter. 16. A letter. 17. A letter. 18. A letter. 19. A letter. 20. A letter. 21. A letter. 22. A letter. 23. A letter. 24. A letter. 25. A letter.

West Gray, Me. ALEXANDER.

No. 23. DOUBLE ACROSTIC.
(Words of four letters.)
1. Part of a bird. 2. Any smell, whether fragrant or offensive. 3. A portable wind instrument of music. 4. The mistress of a family in common time. 5. A letter. 6. To melt or soften. 7. One of the United States. 8. A town of Crawford county, Kansas. 9. Disposed to do good.

The initials and initials name two towns in Oxford county, Maine. E. D. W.

West Bethel, Me.

No. 30. PROGRESSIVE ENIGMA.
The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, is to live thoughtlessly. The 6, 7, 8, is a proposition. The 9, 10, 11, is a letter. The whole is a plant.

Whiteville, Me. MURRAY.

No. 31. CROSSWORD.
In seat, not in chair.
In wool, not in hair.
In pure, not in fair.
In brace, not in pair.
In empty, not in bare.
In pair, not in mate.
In hug, not in great.
In Maine, not in State.
Whole is German silver plate.

Bangor, Me. O. P. Q.

No. 32. ENIGMA.
In 4, 10, 11, 12, and 3.
A climbing plant in the Bible see.
Some paper-makers, we infer.
The 1, 5, 16, is a letter.
A beast of burden for its name.
1, 9, with 5 to 8, can claim.
The time of criminal man fear.
Is found in total, given here.

St. Joseph, Mo. MAUDE.

ANSWERS IN TWO WEEKS.

"Tangled Textures" in the ADVERTISER of Feb. 11th, were correctly answered by Jennie H. Pierce, New York City; Mrs. E. E. McKee, Shelburne, N. H.; Titus and Enrique Lee, Bethel; Maude, St. Joseph, Mo.; O. P. Q., Bangor; Alexander, West Gray; Sukey, Bangor; Patience, Bryant's Pond; Carl, Oxford; Bushwhacker, Waterford; and Brumford, Rumford Falls.

Answers to this week's puzzles must reach us on or before March 15th, to be credited in the ADVERTISER dated March 25th. Next week we shall publish new puzzles from O. P. Q., Alexander, Jerusha Quiverbend, Maude, Titus and Enrique Lee.
Now let us see how many are smart enough to untie No. 27. PUZZLE EDITOR.

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Town Reports—1897-8.

LOVELL.—Resident real estate, \$255,315.00; non resident real estate, \$5,115.00; personal property, \$7,841.00; total valuation, \$385,271.00; number taxable polls, 249. Property tax rate, .015; poll tax, 2.75. Total commitment, \$6,257.21. Expenses: highways, \$2,256.60; paupers, \$80.52; schoolhouse repairs, school supplies, salaries and miscellaneous, \$1,230.58; school, \$1,378.58; county tax, \$69.80; state tax, \$1,079.56. Property owned by town, \$2,998.28. Available resources, \$1,508.11; liabilities, \$1,292.83; balance in town's favor, \$215.28.

STONHAM.—Resident real estate, \$41,500.00; non resident real estate, \$19,578.00; personal property, \$13,931.00; total valuation, \$75,009.00; number taxable polls, 97. Poll tax, 1.50. Expenses: schools, \$541.25; salaries, \$116.00; school books, \$2.30; highways, \$30.58; paupers, \$11.00; schoolhouse repairs, \$75.46; miscellaneous, \$211.25; state tax, \$11.92; county tax, \$1.07. Resources, \$972.42; liabilities, \$65.85; balance in town's favor, \$906.57.

GREENWOOD.—Resident real estate, \$76,635.00; non resident real estate, \$3,208.00; resident personal property, \$3,243.00; non resident personal property, \$7,472.00; total valuation, \$141,558.00; number taxable polls, 170. Money tax rate, .027; labor tax rate, .0125; poll tax, \$3.00. Money tax commitment, \$2,024.46. Expenses: schools, \$1,313.62; schoolhouse repair, \$7.35; school books, \$148.81; schoolhouse insurance, \$7.38; debt and interest, \$865.53; paupers, \$20.01; salaries, \$260.60; state tax, \$238.53; county tax, \$255.14. Liquor agency profits, \$17.46.

Liabilities, \$8,107.84; resources, \$7,732.62; net debt, \$3,455.22; decrease for the year, \$428.46.

PARIS.—Resident real estate, \$800,700.00; non resident real estate, \$53,700.00; resident personal property, \$268,320.00; non resident personal property, \$7,000.00; number taxable polls, \$44. Property tax rate, .0165; poll tax, \$3.00; commitment, \$2,184.33.

Orders drawn: schools, \$7,412.68; school books, \$386.94; schoolhouse repair, \$43.08; two new schoolhouses, one of two rooms at South Paris and one of one room in Forbes district, \$503.15 plus \$11.55 minus \$16.00 for old schoolhouses leaving net cost of \$3,000.00; breaking roads, \$1,004.11; old highway bills, \$184.52; highway repair, \$430.53; town farm, \$608.70; poor off farm, \$1,415.39; asylum for insane, \$27.64; Memorial day, \$60.00; new roads, \$255.00; salaries, \$1,048.10; miscellaneous, \$78.09; state tax, \$3,458.38; county tax, \$2,162.50.

Liabilities, \$29,314.11; resources, \$2,307.73; net debt, \$11,006.38.

HARBOR.

The M. E. circle entertained at the church by Mrs. Frank Seavey on Friday evening, Feb. 26th, was a success both financially and socially, the net proceeds of the evening being fifteen dollars and twenty cents. Over one hundred and sixty people partook of an oyster and pastry supper. Much credit is due Mr. Martin and his scholars, who furnished a fine entertainment consisting of recitations, flag and hat drill, shadow pantomimes and music. Nina Shedd favored the audience with a solo. The rendering of "Old Lang Syne" backwards elicited much applause as the anxious listeners were contemplating a difficult task. The choir, when they turned their backs to the audience as they poured forth in song the fate of "Old Lang Syne." The next circle will be entertained by Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Stearns at the church, March 9th.

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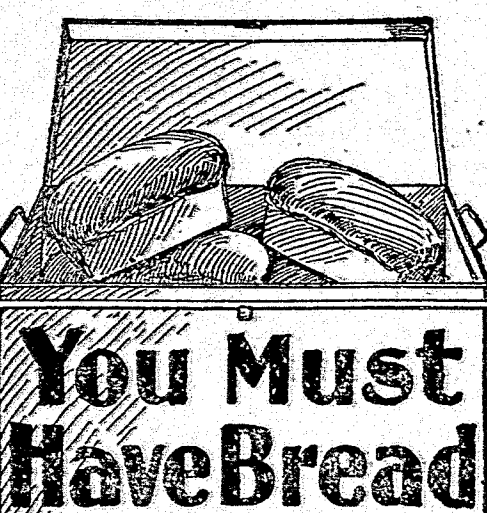
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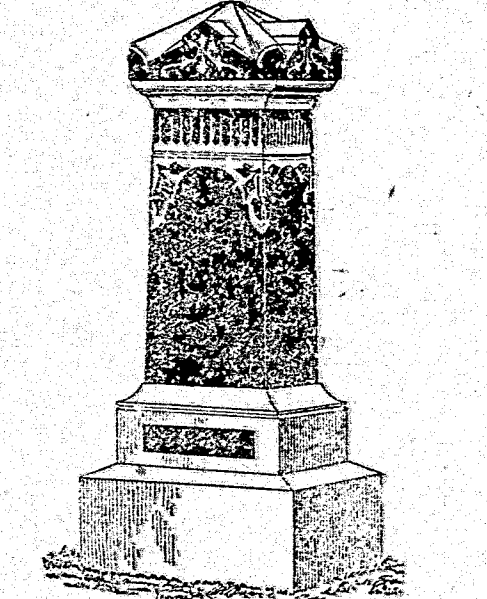
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The "Uncompetent" Oath.

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CHAPTER I.

Like other of earth's great tragedies, war has an undertone of comedy, especially civil war, where the heat of conflict melts human souls—makes them as fluid, as glowing, as a lava stream.

It is a merciful ordering—how merciful they alone know who can look back 30 years to the tense time that was measured by heartbeats, punctuated into epochs by the cannon's roar.

Particularly to such as dwell in a conquered province, where, outside the army posts—often, too, inside them—the only news came over the "grapevine telegraph," which ran from Nowhere into Space—and, it is safe to say, recorded more marvels than ever went over a wire.

The genesis of its name was characteristic. The institution had an intermittent existence even before military happenings made free communication impossible and authentic intelligence somewhat more rare than it was in previous times. News of the early battles, of course, came first over the wires. By the time a seed of fact had been sown through a dozen months, there was such a harvest of fiction that the listeners said one to the other, "It must have been grapevine ter fetch such news as that—any wire'd er broke down under it."

So very soon the cant word grapevine was in everybody's mouth, as expressive of news that might be true, but with the probabilities against it.

The grapevine's conductor was the whole populace, its battery the era's feverish eagerness either to tell or to hear something new. Its most active agents and promoters were men offensively southern in profession and selfish in pocket, with consciences as facile as their tongues.

When the fortunes of war gave middle Tennessee to Federal domination, all and several, they made haste rapidly to take the oath of allegiance, and thus secure passes and trading permits.

The "grapevine," therefore of small and languid growth, became thus in their mouths something fearful and wonderful. As they alone could go in and out of the army lines and had, moreover, secret commercial communication southward, their statements had sometimes the "nucleus of truth" about which Carlyle says a lie must crystallize. Often they were pure invention, and of a character to put Munchausen to the blush, make Gulliver seem a realist.

Always they were eagerly listened to by a people whose fate hung trembling in the balance of war.

So much by way of necessary preface. The precise moment with which this chronicle has to do is the spring of 1863. The season was early, the air warm, humid, forcing. Woods were almost in leaf, strawberries blushed red, peas hung full in the pod by the 1st of May. Waters were falling, falling. In a little while the rivers would be fordable. After that, the deluge—otherwise the partisan leaders, riding, raiding, threatening strong posts, harrying weak ones, cutting wheresoever they could a line of communication with the ever advancing front.

Colonel Grice, post commandant at Bellshoro, felt himself peculiarly liable to attack, for Bellshoro was something more than a mere county town. The center and market place of a dozen rich counties, it spread in solid stateliness over twice seven river hills—hills thickly matted with native blue grass, more thickly starred with dandelion gold.

Besides the river there was the railway—one of the north and south lines that were arteries for war's lifeblood. The tall, spiderwebby bridge across the Cumberland once destroyed, there would be lack and loss incalculable farther south.

So it behooved the army of occupation to be wary and diligent. A big earthwork topped the highest of the river hills. Cannon peered grimly from its portholes. The flagstaff, with its fluttering pennon, came to view two miles at least before the town itself.

Half a dozen turnpikes led into town. Each was heavily picketed. Lanes and broadways were either barricaded or held under surveillance of the inner guard line.

All the world and his wife might go in without let or hindrance. Getting out again was the rub. For that a pass signed by the provost marshal was requisite, and the provost gave such only to those who professed loyalty to the United States.

Notwithstanding Colonel Grice felt ill at ease. Soldier, gentleman, himself, he was in no way deceived by the lip loyalty of those who would be all things to all men—for a consideration. Though he did not affront them openly, in his heart of hearts he had more respect for the men whose impassive faces and honestly withheld hands bespoke stanchness in the cause they held the right.

These were a great multitude. Bellshoro's heart beat true to the Confederacy in every pulse. The flower of her manhood was wearing the gray. With the county she had equipped and sent out three regiments of 12 months men, who, when their term of enlistment expired, re-enlisted as one man "for the war," while from Bellshoro's homes there went up one sobbing breath of approval.

Colonel Grice felt keenly the hostility about him. He had not always been Colonel Grice. It was as Private Grice that he marched away from his New England home—albeit a rich man and scholar as well as patriot. He had become captain, major, colonel—each through "gallantry in action." For the last promotion he had paid with a severe wound. It was that which sent him into this comparative retirement at the head of a bluff Ohio regiment, whose colonel had been translated to the galaxy of political brigadiers.

The garrison was made up mainly of raw levies. The three regiments had each come back from the front a skele-

ton, to be filled with recruits fresh from farm, field, workshop. They had been drilled into a most soldierly precision, but lacked the careless, confident courage born only of contact with shot and steel.

The sprinkle of veterans hindered rather than helped. Good soldiers and true, they were human, and told about the mess-fires such tales of prowess and peril as set the new men often all of a tremble. Their black beast was Forrest, the hardest rider, the stoutest, most pitiless fighter, that ever drew sword for the stars and bars. The old soldiers knew him only too well—had seen him dash, a beam of destruction, sabering, slashing, trampling down, upon the flank of a wheeling or flying foe or through the long line of a marching division.

It was Forrest's cavalry that would threaten Bellshoro. The town lay westerly, where the Cumberland, after a long dip through the rich midland, makes again toward its native Kentucky, through which it runs to the Ohio. Far to eastward Morgan and his merry men swooped north on lines of transportation. From the Cumberland westward to the Mississippi, Forrest rode and raided, hardly asking or giving quarter.

A Bellshoro legion rode with him. What so natural, then, as that Bellshoro's commander should fear spies in his camp? Men had eyes to see, women tongues to tell—how could he doubt that word would go straight to the enemy of all he most cared to keep hidden? Worse still, his own scouts might be so thwarted, blinded, misled, by this hostile populace as to make surprise a matter of course. Something must be done. Colonel Grice wrote to the authorities.

In response there came a proclamation. Old Major Powell sat on his porch deeply ruminating. The big silver poplars flung all his front yard into shadow. A paling fence ran 30 yards away, with a sagging green gate leading over a broken stile to a long front lot, sparsely set with white and red oaks. An abortive gravel walk ran half way from porch to stile. Guinea fowls were pecking amid the stones; a hen turkey, with her brood, dusting themselves in the dry earth at one end of it. Two huge mock orange bushes in full flower made a blossomy arch over the garden gate.

From beyond there came the smell of calycanthus, clove pink and early honeysuckle.

A cock, gorgeous and golden red, walked out before the door to crow three times, loud and clear. A voice from within said: "Somebody's comin, an comin with news. I never yet knew the sign ter fall when the red rooster crowed three times."

"He 'pears ter have knowed it after the fact. Yonder's y'ow' man," said the major, nodding toward the outer gate, through which a horseman had just ridden.

"I wonder, now, who it is? Cousin Tom Gregory, I reckon," Mrs. Powell said, looking sharply at the advancing figure from under a shading hand.

The major nodded. "Yes, it's Tom." Then, as the rider halted at the stile, "Nee'er hells, Tom. We're at home. Light an look at yer saddle."

Tom got down precipitately. "I cain't stop er minit. I jest want ter tell ye the news," he said, mopping a perspiring brow as he mounted the steps.

"What is it? News sho' nough, er jest grapevine? You told us las' time Ingum an France had recognized the Confederacy an raised the blockade, but I ain't heard nothin more about it."

"Oh, that was jest grapevine. Recollect I tole ye so at the time," Mr. Gregory said, nowise abashed. "I reckon it was about this way, Uncle Jimmie—least that's the story. They wanted ter recognize us, but Lincoln an Seward are mighty sharp. I tell ye. They sent er man ter Queen Victoria ter say: 'You jest wait 90 days longer, an we'll have our little family difference all settled. Ef ye don't, by jingol Thar's Canada layin handy ter make up ter us fer losin the Confederacy.' An so the recognizin is put off, but it's bound ter come—bound ter come. Jest you wait er bit. Why, they're a-fightin ag'in ourn Virginnyh, an Gen'l Lee an Stonewall Jackson whippin 'em woben er."

Have killed an wounded an took prisoners more men than was in their own army, an jest doin what they please with whatever comes against 'em. Gen'l Lee, ye know, is mighty pitiful. It was such er slaughter it turned him right sick, but ole Stonewall—our boys are with him, remember—he jest stood up, with the bullets hailin round, his chin stuck out, one eye shet, an all he said was, 'Shoot low, boys, shoot low!'

"Stonewall's er great man—or very great man. Order he old Hickory's son or nephew. How do the Yankees in town take it—so many er thar men gitin slaughtered?"

"Oh, they're jest as sullen as you please. That's the reason they've put out thar proclamation."

"What proclamation?"

"Why, haven't you heard? It's stickin up on the courthouse an strowed all round town."

"What's it about?"

"Well, sir, it caps the climax—says that, beginnin with Monday week, everybody in town an county—everybody white, that is, over 15 years old—has got to march in ter headquarters an take the oath."

"What? I'll be shot if I do it!"

"Now, see here, Uncle Jimmie, most likely you'll be shot if you don't. I tell you it don't do ter fool with them fellows. You know of thar'd a'-been any way around it, I'd never do it—never in the world. I had my family ter think about, else I'd a'-seen them in Halifax."

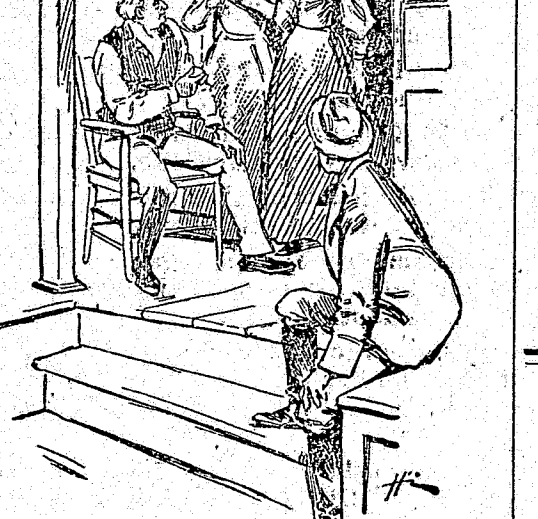
for protection. Had to, don't you see, when he asked if they wouldn't. They have er heap o' company, you know—always 'most somebody to dinner an supper. Grice has been thar two months an seen a right smart of folks. He said to me: 'They show me nothin but the most perfect politeness—those young ladies an old that I meet at table—but I've found out a new thing for which to thank God. He didn't make the devil a woman.'

"So you think this proclamation is done fer spite?"

"No, no. He ain't that sort. Besides it comes from 'way up higher'n his authority. They say it's 'military necessity' to keep you folks outside the lines from sendin medicine an gray uniforms an letters an news across the river to our boys."

"They'll never keep me from doin it."

Anne Powell, the major's tall, young daughter, had come out on the porch and stood listening, with parted lips



"They'll never keep me from doin it," and sparkling eyes. The visitor sprang up at her words, saying as he drew forward a chair:

"Howdy-do—howdy-do, Cousin Anne? Set down an listen ter reason. I tell you you must. This ain't no grapevine. This proclamation is straight fact, an if you don't want ter make a heap o' trouble fer Uncle Jimmie you'll obey like the rest an say nothin erbout it."

Anne turned full upon him eyes luminous with scorn. She was a slim creature, vital to her finger tips and swayed by emotions as a lily stalk by spring storms.

"It may be all right for—people who can face two ways," she said, restrained by hospitality from a more personal form of speech, "but I am not that sort. If I swore, I'd keep it, and I'd die sooner than be loyal to the United States, with Jack away in Virginia ready to die for the Confederacy. I've spun yarn this winter to weave him a new suit and knit socks for him every night. I'll send them to him in spite of."

"Hush! Hush! Don't tell me a word about it," Mr. Gregory broke in, with an uneasy laugh. Then after a minute, "Tain't so bad as you think fer, Cousin Anne. Thar's two things to be done when you git ter headquarters. You can either take the oath of allegiance an be er loyal citizen entitled to protection of person an property er else sign what they call the incompetent oath. That don't say mutt of nothin except that you don't want ter fight."

"Oh, that must be the one you took!"

Miss Anne said, with conscious sarcasm. Her father looked at her in mild reproof, saying, "You had better go an see of your mother doesn't want you."

Then, as she vanished, to his guest, "How many days of grace do they give us, Thomas, after this thing begins?"

"Proclamation says ten, but I'd go early if I was in your place. I do know but it'll turn out a good thing after all. Thar's a town as is pickin up right smart. Two or three of the sto'keepers have took Yankee officers in partners with 'em so as ter git stocks o' goods. Whoever takes the oath can get er pass, an so you can all putty soon come in an buy an sell—Toll Cousin Anne you'll give her er new silk sack. I reckon that'll make 'er willin ter go."

Major Powell smiled grimly. "You don't know Anne," he said. "She won't wear nothin but homespun an a sashomet; says Jack has to go barfooted maybe half the time, an she ain't a-goin ter fare better'n her brother."

"Well, she's curious fer a young girl. No mistake about that," Mr. Gregory said, with a languid wave of dismissal. Then, reverting to affairs of state: "But I tell you, Uncle Jimmie, that thar Virginnyh fight is a-goin to settle things right. Ingum an France is bound ter come in—bound, sir! When they do, you'll hear some'n drop."

Major Powell agreed. For an hour the talk went forward, the guest pig grapevine on grapevine, each more astounding than the last in its intimate acquaintance with the motives, purposes, secret inclination, speech and action of Jeff Davis, Queen Victoria, Abe Lincoln, Louis Napoleon, General Halleck, Andy Johnson, Parson Brownlow, General Grant, General Lee, General Buell, Bragg, Beauregard, Thomas, Stonewall Jackson, Secretary Seward, Commodore Foote, John Morgan, the raider, Forrest, the immortal.

Of the last it was circumstantially related that he had "sent word to Colonel Grice to have all the dry goods possible in town by the middle of June, when he'd be ready to come after 'em."

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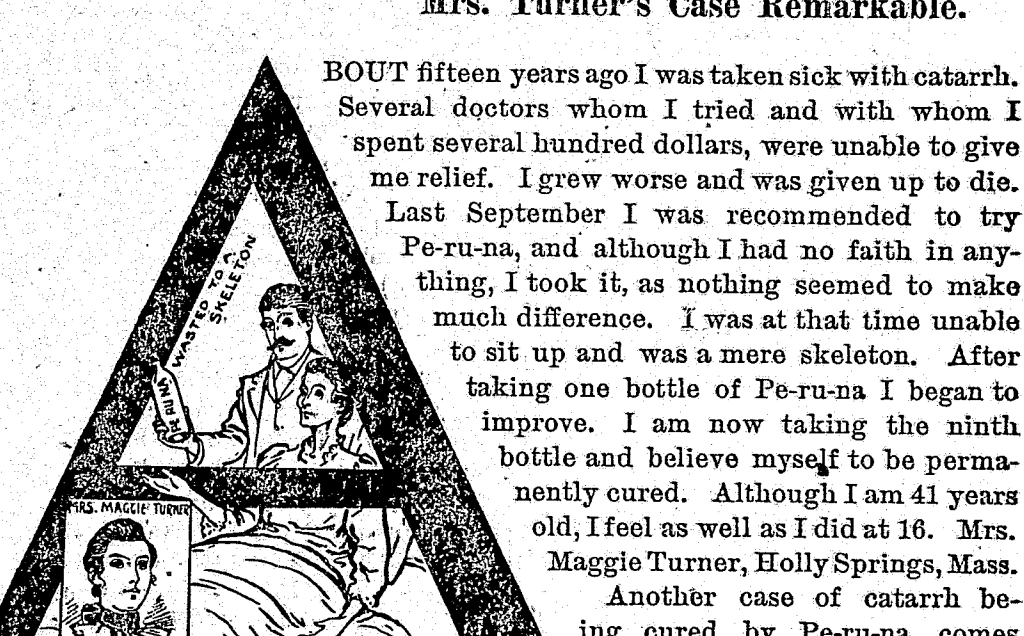
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DENMARK.

Fred Sanborn commenced sawing birch, Monday.
Augustine Small commenced sawing birch, Sunday.
Geo. Orcutt and Simeon Colby have been drawing shooks to Brownfield for Augustine Ingalls.
Albert Walker commenced, Monday, to learn the blacksmith trade at Elmore Swan's shop, Denmark.
Willard McKusick commenced, this week, to learn the blacksmith trade with Henry Merrill at Hiram.
Some of the back roads were not opened until Saturday. The crust was so hard it had to be cut with an axe.
Frank Bennett and wife of Harrison came, Saturday, to visit his parents, J. Bennett and wife. They returned Sunday afternoon.
Bailey Trumbull went to Weston, Mass., Thursday, to work. He is employed on the same farm where his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bacon, are at work.
The second term of the high school closed, Friday, and will have only one week's vacation, when the spring term will commence. The weather and traveling was such, last week, that there was a small attendance.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Mina Harriman of Paris was in town, Sunday.
Isaac Thorne has returned from Bryant's Pond and is stopping at A. D. Bryant's.
According to the town reports Woodstock's business has been very satisfactory, the past year.
Report from Washington says Oliver L. Fuller is our new postmaster. No doubt the office will fare as sumptuously as formerly.
The roads have been in such condition that every one has had a chance to work on them who wished, consequently many taxes will be doctored.
Most every one you meet has something to say in regard to the town's affairs for the ensuing year. Unfortunately I am not located very near the throne, and I am therefore unable to give tips to townsmen or others.

WATERFORD.

Josiah Plummer is on the gain.
Keoka Chapter meets, Friday evening.
C. H. Rice has been pulled up with a cold.
Stated communication of Mt. Tirm Lodge, next Tuesday, the 8th.
Everybody come to town meeting, Monday, and help make things to suit you or else don't kick it will be a good thing deserving of patronage.

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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

Oxford, ss. March 1, A. D. 1898.
We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed by the Honorable Seward S. Stearns, Judge of Probate within and for said County, Commissioners to receive and decide upon the claims of the creditors of
WILLIAM F. LOR, late of Waterford, in said County, deceased, whose estate has been represented by the undersigned, hereby give public notice agreeably to the order of said Judge of Probate, that six months from and after the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1898, have been allowed to said creditors to present and prove their claims, and that we will attend to the duty assigned us at the office of E. F. Smith in Norway, in said County, May 15, 1898, and August 15, 1898, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days.
FREDERICK E. SMITH,
ALBERT J. STEARNS, } Commissioners.

HARBOR.

Frank Hall's baby is on the sick list. Lottie Bemis is out again after a short illness.
Dr. Perry has gone to Manchester, for a month or so.
T. S. Stearns and wife visited Mrs. Benson, Sunday.
School closed at the Harbor, also at Fish street, Friday.
A. H. Seaver has been out of the woods for a few days.
Mr. Bragg's children have been sick but are much better now.
Ed. Pray has finished hauling birch, (not finished hauling the birch but stopped.)
The Circle will meet again, March 9th, at the church, entertained by Mrs. T. Stearns and Mrs. Benson.
Mrs. McAllister, who has been in such poor health for a long time, has not been so well, the past week.
Mrs. Lovejoy of Waterford is visiting at her brother's, Alvin Hall's. She has her little grandson with her.

George Thompson is home from North Conway on a visit and with him a friend, Nell Eastman from North Conway.
After several weeks sickness, Mrs. Bradley is out again. She was at church, Sunday, the first time for a long time.
Our store keeper doesn't advertise to buy rotten eggs, but his wife (who tends store in his absence) took a good supply, the other day. Whether her husband inquired who she bought eggs of that day she didn't have to study long to tell just where they came from.

The oyster supper and school exhibition was a success in every way. Over one hundred and sixty were present. Lovell was largely represented. Stow was not far behind, Conway was also represented, beside our own people. After supper was served to the multitude, Mr. Martin took charge and his scholars gave us a fine exhibition. The girls were very good, especially the hatchet drill. The exhibition was in honor of Washington's birthday. The tableau Washington and Wife was fine, also Grandmother's School Days. The circle unites in giving their sincere thanks to Mr. Martin for his entertainment. Receipts of the evening were over fifteen dollars after the bills were paid.

DIXFIELD.

Nelson Hannaford is in very poor health and is attended by a physician.
T. L. Merrill & Co. have eight teams hauling birch from the Fred Weld farm to their mill at the village.

The roads in this town never were so bad to open as this last week's storm has made them. The valley road has not been passable since the 19th and is not open yet.

D. W. Hervey went to Monmouth, the 28th, to get some Western horses from Gilman's stable for different parties in this vicinity. Mr. Hervey has sold several of those horses lately.
Fred C. Hutchins of North Chesterfield has been "storm stayed" for eight days at D. S. Marble's. He returned home by train, the 28th, and left his sleighs on sale with W. S. Marble at Dixfield and Geo. Blanchard at Rumford Falls.

HALE.

Dan Gristel tore his ear quite badly with a birch hook.
Mason Bros. had a new lathe arrive, Monday, for their mill.
Herman Mason went to Bethel, Saturday, returning on Sunday.
The talk of war makes great excitement amid the snow in this place.
Douglass Cushing and Georgie Mason were guests at A. H. Kenerson's, Saturday and Sunday.

HANOVER.

Won't someone start the whist parties? Amos Holt has returned to his work in Boston, Mass.
Harry Dyer says his cat didn't kill any gray squirrel but another cat liked to killed him.

The old shed known as the Solon Potman place has all fallen in, caused by the weight of snow.

Solon Potman sold his household goods at auction, last Monday, and has gone to Klondike to get rich.

The logging crew have built a road around the Pond to haul hard wood lumber on, the rest of the winter.

Mark Ellis and wife have just returned home from their wedding trip to Montreal. We wish them a long and prosperous life.

SOUTH HARRISON.

Town meeting, next Monday.
Signs of a good sap year, this spring. Fred Russell is to work for Joe Chaplin.
Elbridge Sanborn is still in the hoop business.

Royal Adams is again visiting relatives and friends here.
Charles Pendexter has bought a pair of steers of Howard Randall.

A. C. Buck let the job of building his barn to Nat Warren of Otisfield.

Chas. Wentworth of Bridgton was the guest of John Johnson, last Sunday.

Although Joe Pitts' health is not very good, he is to be around and attend to business.

Howard Randall is having some cord wood cut. Bela Strout and Roy Johnson are cutting it.

It is quite good sleighing at this writing but very bad about turning out on account of the depth of the snow and the degree of hardness.

Although Mrs. Joseph Ross is about 80 years of age, she is quite smart and energetic. Part of this winter she has had six boarders, doing most of the work herself.

Crossing the pond has been suspended for a short time, owing to the water rising on top of the ice. (There is still quite an amount of teaming to be done if weather permits.)

Word from an Absent One.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed please find one dollar and the advertisement. We read it with interest, especially the locals. Please make your Kezar Falls and Sumner contributors hustle for the news. After reading we send the paper to a lady in Lewiston and then to my brother in Colorado. He says he reads the locals over and over, as they speak of people he has not heard from for years. The wind swept hills of Oxford County hold a very precious place in my memory, as I passed my early years among them. I am a "shut-in" an invalid, so naturally think much of the beautiful fields and hills.

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Mrs. Alice Bass is rapidly improving. Henry Brown is boarding at Sumner Grove's.
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HASTINGS.

Shoveling snow seems to be the order of the day.
Henry Hobson has returned home from Portland.
Rufus Rice of Bethel has been visiting his brother, B. W. Rice.

Sadie King of Island Pond is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Cobb.
The mill has been shut down, the past few days owing to the storm.

The Emerald Minstrels gave a fine entertainment, the 19th. It is hoped they will give another soon.

Mrs. George Rice of North Waterford stopped on her way home from Haverhill, N. M., to visit her son, Burnham Rice.

Owing to the storm, the train has not been out for several past few days, the mail being carried by team to connect with the Grand Trunk.

The Wild River Lumber Co. have sold their property to a syndicate of capitalists from different parts of the country, although it is understood that the present company does not relinquish control of the property for about a year.

EAST OXFORD.

C. H. Flood is hauling wood to South Paris.

Annie Estes of Welchville visited at Albert Williams', last Sunday.
Prof. A. F. Caldwell came home from Kent's Hill, Saturday, Feb. 26.

Geo. P. Whitney is visiting friends in Portland at the present writing.

Louise Hall of Welchville visited her friend, Alzie Billings, the first of this week.

Sumner Wardwell was in this place, last week, and bought a cow of Albert Witham.

Mrs. P. J. Billings has gone to Lisbon Falls to visit her daughter, Mrs. Dexter S. White.

Prof. Adelbert F. Caldwell with his sister Minnie are visiting friends in Boston and Chelsea, Mass., this week.

Charlie Bray has sold some of his pine timber to King & Russell, and is having it hauled to their mill at the station.

NORTH FRYEBURG.

The village school closed, this week. Fred Brown of Lovell, teacher.
D. H. Charles and Geo. Shaw have been hauling the tin for the corn shop, the past week.

The Stirling Literary Club give an oyster supper at the close of their regular meeting on Mar. 1, at the home of Mrs. E. F. Hutchins.

The Curran Street Dramatic Club gave their drama in Stow, Saturday, Feb. 26th. They are talking of playing it at the chapel here soon.

David Chandler had a car load of phosphate come to the village some time ago, but the bad roads and storms have prevented the farmers from getting it home until within a few days.

The corn shop sheds became so heavily loaded during the recent storms, they were broken down and deposited their load upon the road wagons, carts and farming tools "housed" under them for will to all.

The sheds full of wood that were at- tended by a large gathering of friends and relatives, where fitting and appropriate remarks were offered by the Rev. Mr. Markham of Bridgton.

LOVELL.

Seth Hutchins is some better.
Mrs. H. G. Walker is on the sick list.

S. H. Harriman of Fryeburg was in town, Friday.

Loggers have come out of the woods, too much snow.

Fred Harmon swapped horses with Will Tasker of Conway.

L. E. Harmon and S. S. Stearns were in Conway, N. H., last week.

Daniel McAllister has sold a horse to C. D. Chandler and bought one of George Carston.

The circle at Fox's Hall, Thursday, Feb. 24, was well attended. It was entertained by Mrs. Marston and Mr. Howe with a fine supper. The farce, "My Husband's Secret," and the comedy sketch, "The Crowded Hotel," were presented. Music by Lloyd Poore and wife.

Friday evening, a large party from Lovell went to the circle and entertainment. John Kimball was driver and took 15 with a pair of horses. Others went with single teams to the number of 35. A fine oyster supper that could not be beat in the country was the verdict. And we had a good time with us, his time was all taken up with the supper and looking after his umbrella.

The ride home was fine. There was singing by the ladies of our party, but I am afraid the words that were so it justice. The trip will be remembered with pleasure by the Lovell people.

CANTON.

Mrs. Rosanna Staples, wife of A. G. Staples of Canton, passed away on Saturday evening at 10:30 o'clock, having suffered for several months with consumption. She was a daughter of Rev. William Woodman, aged 81 years.

Mrs. Staples was married Jan. 21st, 1855. Four children have been born unto them: Mrs. E. L. Bisbee of Canton; Mrs. S. B. Ellis of Bridgton; and Miss Louisa Staples who resides at home; Manley their only son, died from an accident when about 45 years old. Mrs. Staples has been a faithful and active member of the Free Baptist church for thirty-six years also having been a member of the church choir for many years. The funeral services were held at the residence at 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday, March 1st. Rev. John McGeorge, the pastor of the Canton Free Baptist church officiating assisted by Rev. Messrs. W. W. Carver and H. M. Farrington of Canton.

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BRYANT'S POND.

Mrs. Abel Bacon is on the sick list. Many people are suffering from severe colds.

Pomona Grande here, Tuesday of this week.
Will Bowker has given up his position at A. M. Chase's.

David G. Swan is now able to hobble around on crutches.

More snow in the village than has been known for years. H. H. Cushman reports six feet in the woods on a level and many who had wood in the woods to haul have been obliged to suspend business.

Pomona Grange.

The February meeting of Oxford County Pomona Grange was to have been held at Bryant's Pond but on account of the severe snow storm it was postponed until Tuesday, Mar. 1, and that date proved to be a day well fitted to the occasion, and was attended by a very large delegation of Oxford county members. A very pleasant meeting much enjoyed by all present.

The meeting opened at 10:30 in the 5th degree. Twenty-two candidates for the degree were presented and received the degree of Pomona, and one reinstated. Recess for dinner, after which Grange opened in 4th degree, and woman's half hour was in order. Question—How can women of the Grange best promote the cause of Temperance, opened by Mrs. James L. Bowker in a very able and pointed speech, which was followed with remarks by several sisters, in which new and good ideas were brought out. A very interesting program was furnished by Franklin Grange consisting of songs, declamations, dialogues and music by the Grange choir. The question of sweet corn planting was taken up and discussed, and Grange closed in season to take the 9:55 train.

The April meeting will be at South Paris, the 1st Tuesday in April. Special rates on cars will be procured for two days.

DIXFIELD CENTRE.

Herbert Hannaford is in town. Breaking roads is the order of the day.

Mae Newton is at work for Lena Durrell.

Nelson Hannaford is sick with typhoid fever.

Chas. Durrell is running his birch mill with a full crew.

The Social Club met at Hiram Holman's hall, Tuesday, March 2.

J. J. Towle, Jr., has returned from Farmington where he has been visiting friends.

Leforest Knights hurt his hand badly recently, raking a pole from a beam in his barn.

EAST WATERFORD.

Mrs. Holt is thought to be improving in general, but has frequent ill turns.

Jew peddlers and tramps don't seem to show up as usual this time of year. Bad roads and the contemplated stone yard may hold them back.

The logging teams from Sweden to Norway are still trying to do something but under severe trials. One team, heavy laden, on Monday capsize near the Mills crossing, blocking the way for an hour, holding up thirty teams double and single. We need look no further better for the remainder of the season unless uncommonly cold weather should prevail through the present month. The snow averages about 30 inches here, on the level, and very solid at that.

Mary I., widow of Ira Johnson, died at the residence of her son, Ira, Jr., at North Norway, Feb. 25, aged 88 years. Mrs. J. was a lady of large intellectual capacity, a fine scholar for her day. Great energy and perseverance, a kind mother, neighbor and friend, a most genial and agreeable companion, and greatly loved by all who knew her. She and her husband, who died twenty years ago, were pioneers of Norway, where they lived many years on the farm now owned by her son, Ira, Jr., and reared a large family of intelligent and enterprising children, most of whom are now living. In religion they were strict Universalists, ever living in strict accordance with their faith, a life of love and good will to all.

The funeral was held at her late residence on Sunday at her late residence which was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives, where fitting and appropriate remarks were offered by the Rev. Mr. Markham of Bridgton.

SWEDEN.

Aaron Libby is quite sick with bilious fever.

Mrs. Katie Draper is spending the winter at Bridgton village.

Weston Hobbs has finished his job of hauling birch for R. M. Moulton.

There is more snow to follow, says the Rowley, Mass. weather prophet.

John Ames and his crew are out of the woods. Cannot haul timber on account of water on the pond.

Mrs. Charles Berry, who has been quite sick with bilious fever, is on the gaining hand. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Berry, is with her.

Chauncey Poor of Wisconsin is visiting relatives and friends in this section. He is a very fine violinist. Mr. Poor, who was born in the town of Denmark, has not seen the place of his birth for 47 years.

NORTH LOVELL.

Mrs. Jemima Heald is in poor health.

Edgar McAllister has been on the sick list since his return from Lewiston.

A. J. Hatch with a young lady friend visited his home, last Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Grindall began his work at the Christian church as his pastor, February 27th.

Mrs. J. S. Pottle has been sick nearly all winter, not having been out since Thanksgiving.

Porter and Henry Keniston, G. A. Kimball and J. E. Farinham went to Fryeburg, Monday, to get Mr. Grindall's goods.

Thursday evening, Feb. 24, G. H. Eastman and Reginald Pottle went to G. E. meeting on snow shoes; also the Sunday before, J. W. Kimball and James Bractt came to church in the same way, but we have not had a storm for three days and we are hoping that mode of conveyance will not be needed again.

EAST SWEDEN.

Bad colds are prevailing.

On account of the condition of the roads on the pond, Morrison's teams have stopped work until it is colder weather.

J. C. Abbott went to Conway, N. H., to attend his brother's funeral, Feb. 13, and the traveling was so bad he could not get home till the next Friday.

BLUE STORE.

Our Spring Stock is all brought, will soon be here; we have enough to fill our store if it was empty. What shall we do with the balance of our winter stock? **SELL IT** is what we want to do, and to do this we must **it CHEAP**, and we are glad and willing to **COME IN AND SEE THE BARCAINS WE ARE OFFERING IN**

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REEFERS, PANTS, CANVAS COATS,
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Just now is a good time to purchase all goods in this department. Doilies, Centre pieces and Tray Cloths in fine quality and pretty designs. Violet, Rose, Daisy, Forget-me-not, Buttercup, Maided-hair Fern, Golden Rod, Apple Blossom, Strawberry, Pinks, Jewels and many other designs.

Fancy Denim Pillow Covers in pretty designs only 25 cents.

The best assortment of Embroidery Silks, Filo and Persian Floss to be found in the county.

Price 3c. a Skein.

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